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of the
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of the Town of
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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

| Board of Selectmen | Address | Telephone | Term Expires |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Rudolph C. Christenson, Ch. | Dighton | 669-2823 | 1975 |
| Edward J. Santos | No. Dighton | 669-5654 | 1976 |
| Robert F. Ferreira | Dighton | 669-5490 | 1977 |
| Board of Health | | | |
| Edward J. Santos, Ch. | No. Dighton | 669-5654 | 1976 |
| Rudolph C. Christenson | Dighton | 669-2823 | 1975 |
| Robert F. Ferreira | Dighton | 669-5490 | 1977 |
| Town Clerk | | | |
| Frank R. Rogers | No. Dighton | 822-9498 | 1977 |
| Town Collector | | | |
| Frank R. Rogers | No. Dighton | 822-9498 | 1977 |
| Town Treasurer | | | |
| Frank R. Rogers | No. Dighton | 822-9498 | 1977 |
| Moderator | | | |
| George Ball | No. Dighton | 669-5007 | 1975 |
| Assessors | | | |
| Harold Mendoza, Ch. | No. Dighton | 824-6177 | 1976 |
| Howell S. Carr | Dighton | 669-5943 | 1975 |
| Leo T. Pivirotto | No. Dighton | 824-4998 | 1977 |
| Tree Warden | | | |
| Alfred M. Perry | Dighton | 669-5461 | 1975 |
| School Committee | | | |
| Charles E. McKenna, Ch. | Dighton | 669-5738 | 1975 |
| Louise Staples, Sec. | Dighton | 669-5549 | 1975 |
| Marilyn Mae Lopes, Fin. Sec. | No. Dighton | 824-5690 | 1977 |
| Maynard F. Horton, Jr. | No. Dighton | 824-5605 | 1976 |

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|----------------------|-------------|----------|------|
| Nicholas T. Santore | No. Dighton | 669-5078 | 1976 |
| Henry D. Descoteaux | No. Dighton | 823-3463 | 1977 |
| Robert S. McConville | No. Dighton | 823-1333 | 1977 |

Planning Board

| | | | |
|--|-------------|----------|------|
| Hans Paulsen, Ch. | No. Dighton | 823-1685 | 1975 |
| Frank N. Alves, Jr. | Dighton | 669-5553 | 1977 |
| Victor Buote | Dighton | 669-5069 | 1978 |
| William Costa | No. Dighton | 669-5719 | 1976 |
| Robert J. Araujo (Resigned) | | | |
| Jean P. Pelletier (Appointed 7/10/74) | Segreganset | 669-5457 | 1975 |

Trustees of Public Library

| | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|----------|------|
| Wilma Schultz | No. Dighton | 822-6644 | 1976 |
| Joseph C. Hathaway | Dighton | 669-5955 | 1977 |
| Robert M. McGuirk | No. Dighton | 822-6294 | 1975 |

Playground Commission

| | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------|------|
| Victor Viveiros, Ch. (Appointed) | No. Dighton | 822-3336 | 1975 |
| Gary T. Sanson (Appointed) | Dighton | 669-6903 | 1975 |
| Sydney Smith (Appointed) | No. Dighton | 823-3500 | 1975 |

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District Committee

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|----------|------|
| David L. Phillips | No. Dighton | 824-4458 | 1977 |
| William R. Benson | No. Dighton | 824-0223 | 1976 |

Housing Authority

| | | | |
|---|-------------|----------|------|
| Norman LaFrance, Ch. (Appointed 3/27/74) | No. Dighton | 822-4700 | 1975 |
| Frank Costa, Jr., Sec. | No. Dighton | 669-5327 | 1977 |
| Richard S. Briggs, Treas. | Dighton | 669-5166 | 1979 |
| Albert Reed, Asst. Treas. | Dighton | 669-2721 | 1978 |
| Osmond D. Crotty (Appointed 6/28/74) | No. Dighton | 824-4522 | 1979 |
| Charles E. French (Deceased 3/15/74) | | | |

COMMITTEES APPOINTED**Finance Committee**

Lester Allen, Chairman
Henry Bennett, Vice Chairman
John Harris, Secretary
Joseph Pacheco
William Turner
Clinton Harvey
Armand Gagne
Malcolm Borden (Resigned)
Janice Benson (Resigned)

Board of Registrars

Frank R. Rogers, Clerk
Anna C. Simmons
Elliot Hathaway
Alice Souza

Board of Appeals

Frohman Anderson, Chairman
Joseph Lawrence
Richard M. Arruda
William E. Johnson

Alternate

Thomas Wynn

Conservation Committee

William Frenette, Chairman
Charles Mello, Vice Chairman
Rosemarie Buote, Sec.-Treas.
Henry Burt
Frances Crawford
John Evangelho, Jr.
Walter Miller
Caryle J. Stonstrom (Resigned 5/29/74)
Manuel S. Duarte (Resigned 5/8/74)

Cemetery Commission

Earl Hathaway
 Helen Brown
 Elaine Varley

Historical Commission

Charles Harris, Chairman
 Robert McGuirk, Vice Chairman
 Helen Lane, Asst. Sec.
 Helen Brown
 Dr. Rose Borges
 Arthur Staples

Industrial Development Financing Authority

| | |
|--------------------------------------|------|
| Joseph C. Murray, Chairman | 1977 |
| Frank R. Rogers, Sec. | 1979 |
| James F. Maguire | 1978 |
| Malcolm T. McCutcheon, Vice Chairman | 1976 |
| Russell C. Varley | 1975 |

Industrial Commision

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Joseph Coelho | 1977 |
| Richard Donahue | 1976 |
| Antone Roderick, Jr. | 1975 |
| Frank R. Rogers | 1974 |

Council on Aging

Mrs. Mary L. Tedford, Chairman
 Mrs. Bella M. Boucher, V. Chairman
 Robert H. Leeming, Sec.-Treas.
 Dr. Rose Borges
 Francis P. McDermott
 Percy B. Simmons
 Lester H. Lassen
 Mrs. Evelyn M. DeSilva

Bicentennial Committee

Helen A. Brown, Chairman
Mrs. Henry Burt
Eunisa G. Wordell
Eleanor C. Roy
Charles W. Harris
Emily Pilling
Robert Ferreira
William Grover
Ellen B. Shaw
Helen H. Lane
Albert Reed
John Ingham
Charles E. French (Deceased 3/15/74)
Mrs. Janice Terry
Mrs. George E. Simmons (Resigned)
Mrs. Stella M. Horrocks
Marion Harrison
Frank R. Rogers

Ration-Fuel Shortage Emergency Board

Board of Selectmen; Civil Defense Director, Harold Gracia;
Clerk to the Board of Selectmen, Leah B. Crosby

Committee to Study the Feasibility of Changing the Town Meeting Date from the 2nd Monday in March to the 2nd Monday in May.

Ralph Deane, Jr.
Paul Giannakoulis
Henry Bennett
Robert Ferreira
Mrs. Charles Terry
Frank Rogers

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS 1974 - 1975

Fence Viewers: Howell Carr, Harold Mendoza, Leo Pivirotto

Civil Defense Director: Harold Gracia

Agents to the Board of Health: Leo A. Duffy, Frank R. Rogers

Burial Agent: Earl C. Hathaway

Inspector of Animals: John A. Berger

Clerk—Board of Selectmen, Board of Health: Leah B. Crosby

Veterans' Agent: Ralph M. Deane, Jr.

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw

Asst. Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom

Local Supt. Insect Pest Control: Rudolph C. Christenson

Dog Officer: Antone Katon

Agent to the Board of Selectmen: Leo A. Duffy

Auctioneer: Frank R. Rogers

Town Accountant: Doris B. Hopkins

Special Police Officer—B.C.A.S.: James Vieira

Gas Appliance Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Sanitation Inspector: Leo A. Duffy

Public Weighers—I.C.I. U.S. Inc.: Alfonso Sollitto, Thomas
Washington

Electrical Inspector: Robert Bleau

Associate Electrical Inspector: John Gonsalves, Jr.

Plumbing Inspector: Donald French

Associate Plumbing Inspector: John P. DeCambra

Building Inspector: Maynard Horton, Sr.

Constables: Frank R. Rogers, Karl K. Spratt, Jr.

Bridge Tender: Alfred M. Perry

POLICE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Chief of Police: Karl K. Spratt, Jr.

Sergeant: Antone R. Katon.

Patrolmen: Manuel L. Sanson, Jr., Jon D. Bettencourt, Alfred Pacheco, Jr., Thomas M. Ferreira, Daniel L. Skelly (Resigned 12/28/74), Edward Pierce, Jr.

Reserve Police Officers: Richard E. Babbitt, Manuel F. Botelho, Joseph Cordeiro, Jr., Norman E. Courcy, Kenneth W. Cummings, Robert L. Duarte, Roger S. Duarte, A. David O'Connell, John Perry, Jr., William A. Rasmussen, Jr., Gary T. Sanson, Richard A. Smith, Ronald R. Whitmore.

Special Police Officers: Frank N. Alves, Jr., Anthony Andrews, William F. Ashcroft, Charles Brooks, Joseph Cordeiro, Cassius W. Cummings, William Duarte, Clayton B. Forgan, Tobias Freitas, Charles E. Gracia, Walter E. Hamilton (Resigned 6/06/74), Byron E. Haskins, John P. Hunt, Paul R. Joly, Michael A. Koneski, Charles H. Mason, Jr., Stephen M. Mendoza, Peter A. Michalenka, Ronald F. O'Connor, George A. Perry, Joseph R. Perry, Joseph Pimento, Jr., William S. Raposa, John E. Rasmussen, Donald E. Rose, Francis H. Rose, Donald L. St. Pierre, Frank Virdinlia.

Policewoman: Carolyn M. Booth, Albertine L. Dwyer, Violet M. Horton, Janet B. Simmons.

FIRE DEPARTMENT APPOINTMENTS

Chief: Joseph T. White.

Dep. Chiefs: Arnold F. Staples, Joseph Waller, Jr.

Firemen: Joseph Allen, Jeffrey J. Allie, Ronald Amarillo, William Ashcroft, Herbert Atwood, Beth Babbitt, George W. Ball, Jon Bettencourt, Manuel Botelho, Leo Bouchard, Alan Brightman, Robert G. Burr, Howell Carr, Jr., Raymond Costa, Timothy Costa, Ralph M. Deane, Douglas DeCastro, David Dupont, Joseph W. Fleck, William Fleming, Sr., Normand Fournier, Joseph R. Gailes, Gilbert H. Garnett, Harold Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Michael J. Harwood, Maynard Horton, Jr., Maynard Horton, Sr., Maurice Jutras, Antone Katon, John Katon, George Lavigne, Gary Lindo, Arthur Martin, Charles Mason, Jr., Russell J. Motta, A. David O'Connell, Manuel Pavao, James H. Perry, Joseph Perry, Jr., Roger Perry, Wayne A. Perry, Albert Reed, Wilfred A. Rhines, Charles Richardson, Philip H. Rines, Sr., Richard Rivet, Francis Rose, Gilbert Rose, Jr., Charles Sears, Jr., Robert B. Sherman, Bruce Siedentopf, Alvin Silvia, Edward Silvia, Karl Spratt, Jr., Ellis Strange, Jr., Peter K. Torres, Gregg J. Waller, Keith Waller, Ralph Woodward.

SELECTMEN'S ANNUAL REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The organizational meeting of the Board was held and Rudolph C. Christenson was chosen as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen; Edward J. Santos, Chairman of the Board of Health; and Robert F. Ferreira, Clerk of the Board of Health. Mrs. Leah Crosby was appointed Secretary to the Board.

Again this year the Selectmen joined our neighboring Towns by going on summer schedule, whereby meetings were held every other week during July and August. Forty-seven (47) weekly meetings and several special meetings were held with other Town Boards and Committees, to discuss and resolve matters of mutual interest.

Necessary hearings were held upon applications received for the various licenses as required. All transactions have been properly recorded and the many statutory requirements completed to the best of our knowledge and ability.

Board members have participated in, and attended, all County Association meetings.

All appointments of Town Officials and Committees have been recorded with the Town Clerk, together with the list of Jurors and are contained in the Clerk's Annual Report. Annual Reports of numerous Town Officers and Departments, as required by law, are contained in the 1974 Town Officers Report.

All Special Committee activity and reports are included in the record of the Town Clerk. All votes and orders of the Town Meetings have been accomplished, with the exception of the motion to study and compile data on the Junior High School, Town Office Building, Police Station and Town Sewage. The Committee has been chosen and one meeting has been held.

The death of Mr. Charles E. French, Chairman of the Housing Authority, was a great loss to the Town of Dighton and to this Board. Mr. Norman LaFrance was chosen as Chairman and Mr. Osman Crotty was appointed to fill Mr. French's unexpired term.

The Council on Aging, which was organized last year, was given permission to use the Civic Center Building as a Drop-in Center on Wednesday afternoons of each week. This has been an active meeting place for our Senior Citizens.

The Dighton-Berkley Bridge was opened to traffic in August. It was a long time coming, but a job well done.

We are looking forward to the completion of Williams Street to the Town line, possibly this year.

We express our appreciation and gratitude to the Citizens, Town Officials and Employees for their cooperation in performance of their duties—especially to all Town Employees, we recognize your everlasting loyalty and many services to the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLPH C. CHRISTENSON

EDWARD J. SANTOS

ROBERT F. FERREIRA

Board of Selectmen

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the election of Officers for the Town of Dighton was held on March 4, 1974 at Town Hall. The meeting was called to order at 10 A.M. by Frank R. Rogers, Town Clerk. The Balloting was under the supervision of the following election officers: Elaine Varley, Warden; Irene Goulart, Helen Atwood, Hazel Reed, Myrtle Wilson, Alice Rogers, Mary Perry, Alice Souza, Helen Brown, Bernice Darling, Adele Rose and Betty Thiboutot.

The polls were closed at 8 P.M. The total number of votes cast was 1238; the ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectmen for Three Years—Robert F. Ferreira

Moderator for One Year—George W. Ball

Town Clerk for Three Years—Frank R. Rogers

Town Collector for Three Years—Frank R. Rogers

Town Treasurer for Three Years—Frank R. Rogers

Assessor for Three Years—Leo T. Pivirotto

Tree Warden for One Year—Alfred M. Perry

School Committee for Three Years—

Henry D. Descoteaux

Robert S. McConville

Marilyn May Lopes

Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School Committee—

David Phillips

Planning Board for Five Years—Robert Araujo

Trustee of Public Library—Joseph C. Hathaway

Playground Commission for Three Years—No One Elected

Playground Commission for One Year—No One Elected

Housing Authority for Five Years—Richard S. Briggs

VOTED: That Alfred M. Perry, Superintendent of Streets be granted tenure, pursuant to sections one hundred and twenty six to one hundred and thirty two, inclusive of chapter forty one of the General Laws.

The Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:30 P.M. by George Ball, Moderator. Checkers were Elaine Varley, Anna Simmons, Irene Goulart, and Hazel Reed. Allegiance to the Flag was given.

VOTED: On motion of Susan Ball to dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED: On motion of George Silvia to dispense with the reading of the articles and reference to them be made by number and content.

VOTED: On motion of George Silvia to consider adjournment at 11:30 P.M.

Rudolph C. Christenson read the following tribute to Francis J. Torres:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, FRANCIS J. TORRES, having honorable served the Town of Dighton from 1956 to 1974, a period of eighteen years, and

WHEREAS, he has served on the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, the Dighton School Committee and on various Committees organized for the good of the Town, and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated outstanding leadership and loyal support of the various civic, educational, social and religious activities of the Town, and

WHEREAS, he has decided to retire from Public Office, be it hereby

RESOLVED, That the Citizens of the Town of Dighton express their sincere appreciation and gratitude for his faithful and dedicated service, and be it further

RESOLVED, that they extend to Francis J. Torres, the wish for future success, health and happiness.

Adopted by the Townspeople of Dighton at the Annual Town Meeting held Monday, March 11, 1974.

RUDOLPH C. CHRISTENSON
EDWARD J. SANTOS
ROBERT F. FERREIRA
Board of Selectmen

Others recognized for their years of service to the Town of Dighton were Richard F. Simmons; a member of the Dighton School Committee from March 2, 1964 to March 4, 1974 and member of the original Playground Commission from 1957 to 1959.

Richard Munsell, member of the Finance Committee from 1968 to 1974.

Norman Courcy, Playground Commissioner from 1971 to 1974.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Lester Allen that the reports of the Town Officials as printed and published in the Annual Town Report be accepted.

(4) VOTED: On motion of William Turner that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officials and Town Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(5) VOTED: On motion of Richard Munsell that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of \$55,200.00, the Town Collector be bonded in the amount of \$60,600.00 and the Town Clerk in the amount of \$1,500.00 to satisfy the provisions of Section 35, Chapter 41 and Section 13, Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

(6) VOTED: On motion of Maynard Horton Jr. that the Town raise and appropriate \$30,480.60 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Town's share of the capital expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(7) VOTED: On motion of Robert T. Roy that the Town raise and appropriate \$599,299.05 for the purpose of defraying the cost of the Town's share of the operating expenses for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

(8) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate; raise and appropriate and transfer under the Public Library Account, Police Dept., and Highway Dept., the following sums necessary to defray Town charges and assessments as approved by the Finance Committee.

| Account | Amount | Maker of Motion |
|-------------------------------|------------|---------------------|
| 1. Interest on Revenue Loan | 5,000.00 | Frank Rogers |
| 2. School Department | 916,749.00 | Robert Roy |
| 3. Pub. Library Raise & Appr. | 2,496.74 | |
| Transfer State Aid | 3,500.26 | |
| Total | 5,997.00 | Joseph Hathaway |
| 4. Board of Health | 10,750.00 | Edward Santos |
| 5. Ambulance Maintenance | 2,585.00 | Joseph White |
| 6. Care of Town Dump | 14,000.00 | Edward Santos |
| 7. Fire Department | 27,078.00 | Joseph White |
| 8. Police Dept. Raise & Appr. | 26,651.00 | |
| Transfer Revenue Shar. | 75,000.00 | |
| Total | 101,651.00 | Karl K. Spratt, Jr. |
| 9. Civil Defense | 1,750.00 | Harold Gracia |
| 10. Hydrant Rental | 1,740.00 | Joseph White |
| 11. Town Insurance | 23,600.00 | Rudolph Christenson |
| 12. Contr. Group Ins. | 18,000.00 | Rudolph Christenson |
| 13. Brush Control | 600.00 | Robert Ferreira |
| 14. Cemeteries—Public Prop. | 750.00 | Robert Ferreira |
| 15. Chapter 90—Maintenance | 2,000.00 | Edward Santos |
| 16. Care of Town Elms | 2,000.00 | Rudolph Christenson |

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| 17. Insect Pest Control | 542.01 | Rudolph Christenson |
| 18. Shade Tree Account | 500.00 | Robert Ferreira |
| 19. Sidewalk Maintenance | 1,500.00 | Robert Ferreira |
| 20. Highway Dept. R & Ap. | 48,330.00 | |
| Transfer S.A.C1140, S.22.A''73 | 48,330.00 | |
| Total | <u>96,660.00</u> | Alfred Perry |
| 21. Dighton-Berkley Bridge | 1,200.00 | Edward Santos |
| 22. Assessors Department | 16,824.00 | Harold Mendoza |
| 23. Election & Registration | 4,050.00 | Frank Rogers |
| 24. Finance Committee | 30.00 | Richard Munsell |
| 25. Selectmen's Dept. | 6,800.00 | Rudolph Christenson |
| 26. Tax Title Account | 1,700.00 | Frank Rogers |
| 27. Tax Possession Account | 100.00 | Frank Rogers |
| 28. Town Accountant | 8,149.00 | Doris B. Hopkins |
| 29. Town Clerk | 7,203.00 | Frank Rogers |
| 30. Town Collector | 9,581.00 | Frank Rogers |
| 31. Town Conservation | 300.00 | Caryle Stonstrom |
| 32. Town Office Account | 11,086.00 | Edward Santos |
| 33. Town Treasurer | 9,021.00 | Frank Rogers |
| 34. Town Planning Board | 10,185.00 | Victor Buote |
| 35. Civic Ctr. Maintenance | 860.00 | Robert Ferreira |
| 36. County Retirement Fund | 23,136.00 | Frank Rogers |
| 37. Dog Officer | 3,000.00 | Edward Santos |
| 38. Memorial Day Observance | 200.00 | Robert Ferreira |
| 39. Playground & Recreation | 4,925.00 | Norman Courcy |
| 40. Veterans Account | 29,966.00 | Ralph Deane |
| 41. Industrial Commission | 150.00 | Edward Santos |
| 42. Board of Appeals | 300.00 | Edward Santos |
| 43. Town Counsel | 5,000.00 | Rudolph Christenson |
| 44. Electrical Inspector | 1,500.00 | Robert Ferreira |
| 45. Communications Center | 20,200.00 | Robert Ferreira |
| 46. State Retirement | 1,000.00 | Rudolph Christenson |
| 47. Council on Aging | 1,671.50 | Robert Leeming |
| 49. Tuitions (Educa. Courses) | 450.00 | Rudolph Christenson |
| 50. Historical Commission | 200.00 | Charles Harris |

(9) VOTED: On motion of Malcolm Borden that the salaries of the elected Town Officials as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts be established for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 as follows:

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Board of Assessors— | |
| Chairman | \$1,400.00 |
| Clerk | 3,688.00 |
| Others (2) | 2,600.00 |
| Board of Selectmen— | |
| Chairman | 1,600.00 |
| Others (2) | 1,600.00 |
| Board of Health— | |
| Chairman | 700.00 |
| Clerk | 700.00 |
| Other | 600.00 |
| Moderator | 100.00 |
| School Committee Secretary | 50.00 |
| Town Clerk | 2,800.00 |
| Town Collector | 4,000.00 |
| Town Treasurer | 2,700.00 |
| Tree Warden | 100.00 |

(10) VOTED: On motion of Robert McConville that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,433.00 to pay the second year lease on the relocatable classrooms used to house the kindergarten pupils of the Town of Dighton.

(11) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town vote to furnish rubbish and garbage collection for all Town residents and raise and appropriate \$29,166.00 for this purpose.

(12) VOTED: On motion of Karl Spratt that the Town appropriate and transfer from Revenue Sharing \$6,584.00 for the purchase of one new 1974 motor vehicle with accessories and equipment, including a new two-way radio for the use of the Police Department.

(13) VOTED: On motion of Karl Spratt that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,252.00 for the purpose of adding an eighth man to the Police Department and that amount be added to the Police Department Appropriation.

(14) VOTED: On motion of Norman Courcy that the Town vote to return the former Highway Garage building from the jurisdiction of the Playground Commission to the authority of the Board of Selectmen and to allow them to utilize same in a manner that will be in the Town's best interest.

(15) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to consider Article 15 following Article 31.

(16) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry that the Town appropriate and transfer from Revenue Sharing \$2,900.00 for the purchase of one new 1974 Pick-up Truck for the use of the Highway Department and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 1967 vehicle as a trade value in the purchase of the same.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Jeseeph Hathaway that the Town appropriate and transfer from Revenue Sharing \$5,000.00 for the purpose of improvements to the basement of the Dighton Public Library for a reading and library room for the children's department.

(18) VOTED: On motion of Caryle Stonstrom that the Town vote to establish an area on the Segreganset River to be known as the Segreganset River Historical Conservation Area; beginning on the east side of Williams Street and extending down stream to a point 200 feet from the site of the former Leonard Tack Factory. The width of this area to vary according to property that becomes available. The area to be under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Charles Harris that the Town appropriate and transfer from Surplus Revenue \$3,000.00 for engineering and legal work that is needed to establish the Segreganset River Historical Conservation Area.

(20) VOTED: On motion of Helen Brown that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,000.00 for the use of the Dighton BiCentennial Committee to defray the partial cost of Phase I (acquisition of land or land easements) for the establishment of the Segreganset River Historical Conservation Area.

(21) Amendment by William Kingsland to include in-ground artificial pool not carried.

VOTED: On motion of Maynard Horton, Sr. that the Town vote to accept the following By-Law pertaining to artificial pools:

“No owner, lessee, tenant, mortgagee in possession or other occupant of real estate shall permit thereon any artificial pool, having a depth of twenty-four (24) inches or more at any point (whether or not in existence upon the effective date of this By-Law) unless the same shall be enclosed by a protective fence at least four (4) feet high whose design, materials and construction shall have been approved by the Inspector of Buildings or by such other artificial or natural barrier as shall have been so approved. No such fence or barrier shall be approved unless every gate therein shall be of a self closing and self latching design, with the latch located at least four (4) feet above the ground.”

(22) VOTED: On motion of Karl Spratt that the Town appropriate and transfer from Surplus Revenue \$943.00 for the purpose of joining other communities within this area in a Police U.H.F. Regional Communications System.

(23) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the Town appropriate \$10,000.00 for the Road Machinery Account for the purpose of maintaining and repairing highway vehicles and equipment for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 and to meet said appropriation, the following transfers be made:

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|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| Transfer from Road Mach. Fund | \$ 1,774.00 |
| Transfer from Free Cash | \$ 8,226.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$10,000.00 |

(24) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contract for the expenditure of any funds

allotted or to be allotted by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town Roads.

(25) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town raise and appropriate \$22,400.00 for the Town Funds to be used in conjunction with and in addition to any funds allotted by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction and improvement of Town Roads.

(26) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition in writing that the County Commissioners adjudicate said way, namely, Hart Street extension, a section of Hart Street from a point on Williams Street, running east for a distance of 4600 feet, to be a private way, and that the Town no longer be bound to keep the same in repair.

(27) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition in writing that the County Commissioners adjudicate said way, namely, Brook Street extension, a section of Brook Street known as Audrey Lane, running from a point west of the intersection of Brook and Pine Streets, for a distance of 5052 feet to its connection with Williams Street, to be a private way, and that the Town no longer be bound to keep the same in repair.

(28) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition in writing that the County Commissioners adjudicate said way, namely, Maple Swamp Road extension, a section of Maple Street known as Maple Swamp Road from a point west of the intersection of Oak and Maple Streets for a distance of 3702 feet, to be a private way, and that the Town no longer be bound to keep the same in repair.

(29) VOTED: On motion of Alfred Perry that the Town appropriate and transfer from State Aid, Chapter 1140, Section 20, Acts of 1973, \$5,000.00 for the purpose of continuing the construction of Maple Street.

(30) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Charles McKenna to table Article 30 until after Article 31 is acted on.

(31) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Edward Santos that Article 31 be tabled.

(30) VOTED: On motion of Nicholas Santore to table Article 30.

(15) VOTED: On motion of William Costa that Article 15 be tabled indefinitely.

A ten minute recess was declared at 10:05 P.M., by Town Moderator George Ball to allow Charles McKenna to speak to the assembly.

(32) VOTED: On motion of Joseph White that the Town appropriate and transfer from Revenue Sharing \$5,600.00 to replace and update the Fire Alarm System at both Fire Stations.

(33) VOTED: On motion of Joseph Pacheco that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from the Reserve Fund (Overlay-Surplus) to the Reserve Account Appropriated in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

(34) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash \$600.00 for the purpose of helping to defray the operating expenses of the Rapoza-Knott Post as provided by Chap. 40, Sec. 9, Gen. Laws.

(35) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos to hear report of the committee to consider the needs of the Fire Dept. in regards to personnel on a volunteer basis.

Report read by George Silvia.

VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the report of the Committee to Consider the Needs of the Fire Department in Regards to Personnel on a Volunteer Basis be accepted as a final report with the thanks and appreciation of the Townspeople and Selectmen.

(36) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the

Town vote to transfer to Surplus Revenue unexpended funds of the following accounts:

| | |
|------------------------|------------|
| Town Forest | \$ 750.00 |
| South Dighton Dump | 4,000.00 |
| Kirk Terrace | 957.86 |
| Carpenterville Project | 2,521.94 |
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| | \$8,229.80 |

(37) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the Town accept the completed section of Tanglewood Road as a public way and named Tanglewood Road, a description of which is contained in a subdivision plan on file with the Town Clerk, Scale 1" = 100', dated February 26, 1972 by E. Otis Dyer, Surveyor together with a Quit Claim Deed as filed with the Town Clerk.

(38) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town raise and appropriate \$400.00 for the purpose of maintaining during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975, the Mosquito Control Work as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

(39) VOTED: On motion of Helen Brown that the Town raise and appropriate \$200.00 under the provisions of Section 1 of Chapter 911 of the Acts of 1971 in anticipation of the celebration of the Two Hundredth Anniversary of the American Revolution.

(40) VOTED: On motion of Joseph Hathaway that the Town appropriate and transfer \$867.54, the Dog Tax Refund, to the Public Library Account.

(41) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain and settle damages from land taken in conjunction with the fiscal year ending June 30, 1975 Highway Program under the Town Road Program.

(42) Amendment by Linwood Johnson to strike out Private Sale Failed to carry.

VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at Public Auction or Private Sale all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

(43) VOTED: On motion of Rudolph Christenson that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen, subject to the approval of the Finance Committee, to dispose of used materials returned to them by sale at Public Auction.

(44) VOTED: On motion of Frank Rogers that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 1974, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

(45) VOTED: On motion of Hans Paulsen to hear the Sewerage Report.

Edward Santos read the Sewerage Report as follows:

In 1971, a report was issued by the engineering firm of Fay, Spofford & Thorndike, hired by the Town of Dighton, to investigate and recommend the most economical means of providing treatment of sewage for the Town.

In that report, treatment of sewage from Dighton at the City of Taunton's facility was considered and if it would be possible to make suitable arrangements for proportioning the costs. This seemed to be the most economical means of providing treatment of sewage from the northerly part of the Town of Dighton.

At the time the 1971 report was issued, results of meetings with the City of Taunton did not appear to favor Dighton; however, the City of Taunton has since elected to expand its facilities thereby, making it more advantageous for the inclusion of the neighboring town of Dighton and Raynham.

Over the past two years the Board of Selectmen, Town Counsel and the firm of Fay, Spofford and Thorndike have held several meetings with officials of the City of Taunton. Costs studies evaluated from these meetings indicated that the most economical arrangement for treatment of Dighton's sewage and wastes is to utilize the Taunton treatment plant.

Therefore, a contract was drawn up, and after several revisions and changes made in the wording (at our request), this contract was signed by officials of the City of Taunton and the Town of Dighton on January 29, 1974. This agreement is made conditional on the vote of the qualified electors (voters) of the Town of Dighton at a regular or special Town meeting.

On February 28, 1974, the Board of Selectmen received the results of the supplementary engineering studies made relative to collection and treatment of Dighton's sewage. The report includes descriptions and plans of the proposed work. It also, includes estimates of construction and operating costs and figures to indicate the estimated effect upon the Town's tax rate and the probable result of the cost to the typical property owner for collection of and treatment of Dighton's sewage at the City of Taunton's treatment plant.

It is the hope and intention of this Board to call for a Special Town Meeting in the month of April to present to the Taxpayers of Dighton the opportunity to give their approval or disapproval for Dighton's Sewerage Work program.

VOTED: On motion of George Silvia to accept report as read.

VOTED: On motion of Malcolm Borden that the Selectmen appoint a committee to study the feasibility of moving the Annual Town Meeting from the Second Monday in March to the Second Monday in May.

VOTED: On motion of Judith Ferry that the Selectmen, School Committee, and Police Department appoint a committee to report in six months, to study and compile data on the

school and investigate the feasibility of the Jr. High School and Town Office Building to be used as Police Communications downstairs and Town Offices Upstairs. Coupled with questions answered on the New Middle School; such as three land sites, two school plans and investigate a recharge sewage system or self-supporting sewage treatment for the school.

The Moderator George Ball announced the Finance Committee for 1974-1975: Malcolm F. Borden, Lester F. Allen, Janice Benson, Joseph P. Pacheco, William Turner, Clinton R. Harvey, Henry L. Bennett.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

On September 10, 1974 the State Primary was held at Town Hall. The polls were opened at 10 A.M. and closed at 8 P.M. Two Hundred Eighty Nine votes were cast. Eighty Republican and Two Hundred Nine Democratic.

On November 5, 1974 the State Election was held at Town Hall. The polls were opened at 10 A.M. and closed at 8 P.M. Total votes cast were 1439.

The Special Town Meeting was held November 18, 1974 at Town Hall. Meeting called to order at 8 P.M. by George Ball, Moderator.

(1) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of David Phillips that action on article 1 be tabled.

(2) Report of the Committee to study the change of date of the Annual Town Meeting read by Robert Ferreira as follows:

The committee met on Sept. 5, 1974 at Town Hall and makes the following recommendations:

1. The business portion of the annual town meeting be changed from the second Monday in March to the first Monday of May of each year.
2. The election of Town officers remain the first Monday in March.

The findings of the committee are:

1. This change coincides with the recent change from the calendar year to the fiscal year. Moving the annual town meeting date closer to the start of the fiscal year will facilitate budget preparation of town department heads.
2. Retaining the March election date will afford newly elected town officials opportunity to familiarize themselves with their duties prior to the town meeting.

The committee recommends that the town amend Article I, Section 1A of the By-Law of the Town of Dighton as proposed:

All the business of the annual Town Meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot shall be considered at a meeting to be held on the first Monday of May of each year.

Robert Ferreira, Chairman
Henry Bennett
Ralph Deane
Paul Giannakoulis
Frank Rogers
Mrs. Charles Terry"

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Robert Ferreira to amend Article 1, Section 1A of the Town By-Laws to read as follows:

"Section 1A. The annual meeting of the Town for all business, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be held on the first Monday of May of each year.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$17,000.00 from Free Cash in anticipation of reimbursement from State and/or County for Chapter 765, Section 4, Acts of 1972—Improvement of Town Roads.

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| State | \$15,000.00 |
| County | 2,000.00 |
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| Transfer from Free Cash | \$17,000.00 |

(4) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$18,723.00 from Free Cash for the construction and/or improvement of town roads in anticipation of reimbursement from State and/or County under Chapter 765, Section 4, Acts of 1972.

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Center & Main St. Force Account | \$4,500.00 |
| (State \$3,000, County \$1,500) | |
| Williams St. Const. | \$14,223.00 |
| (State \$9,923, County \$4,300) | |
| Transfer from Free Cash | \$18,723.00 |

(5) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$5,800.00 from Construction, Reconstruction and Improvement of Town Roads (Art. 25, 1974 Annual Town Meeting) to be used in conjunction with and in addition to funds allotted by the State and/or County for the construction and improvement of town roads.

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| Center & Main St. Force Account | \$1,500.00 |
| Williams St. Construction | 4,300.00 |
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| Transfer from Construction, Reconstruction & Improvement of Town Roads | \$5,800.00 |

(6) VOTED: On motion of Edward Santos that the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in

the Treasury the amount of \$10,424.80 to the Highway Maintenance Account:

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| Transfer from State Aid, | |
| Chapter 1140, Section 22— | |
| Highway Funds | \$10,424.80 |

(7) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$628.00 to pay prior year's bills.

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| Course Allowance (Ptl. Ferreira) | \$100.00 |
| Highway Dept. Removal of | |
| Dead Trees | 214.00 |
| Electrical Inspector | 314.00 |
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| Transfer from Free Cash | \$628.00 |

(8) VOTED: On motion of Robert Ferreira that the Town appropriate and transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,888.00 for the purpose of adding coverage of the Public Official Errors and Omissions Liability Insurance, and this amount be added to the Town Insurance Appropriation.

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| Transfer from Free Cash | \$1,888.00 |
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(9) VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: On motion of Karl K. Spratt, Jr. that the Town accept the following By-Law as it concerns the prosecution of "Peeping Toms":

"Whoever knowingly enters or remains on property of another without right and with intent to subject any person to any form of visual surveillance, in a place in which such person may reasonably expect to be safe from such surveillance and to which neither the public nor a substantial group thereof has access, shall be punished by a fine not to exceed fifty (\$50.00) dollars."

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 P.M.

Attest:

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Town Clerk

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1974

| Date | Name | Parents |
|----------|---------------------------|--|
| JANUARY | | |
| 3 | Shawn Joseph Lafleur | Henry E. & Laura Lynn Bodreau Lafleur |
| 11 | Marc Edward Brochu | Robert K. & Margaret E. Correia Brochu |
| 15 | Lara Cecile Grant | John J. & Susan G. Nathanson Grant |
| 20 | Katherine Anne Murphy | James B. & Joan R. Machado Murphy |
| 24 | Scott Tavares Ferreira | William T. & Deborah M. Perry Ferreira |
| FEBRUARY | | |
| 2 | Peter Jonas Monteiro | John J. & Emily M. Ferry Monteiro |
| 15 | Leonard Catabia Jr. | Leonard & Barbara L. Andrade Catabia |
| 20 | Cheryl Ann Hess | Donald J. & Roberta L. McCue Hess |
| MARCH | | |
| 25 | Brenda Jean Rose | Norman D. & Jean E. Davis Rose |
| APRIL | | |
| 2 | Jean Elizabeth Crawford | John H. & Marilyn A. Medeiros Crawford |
| 7 | Kerry Lynn Angus | Jan K. & Betty J. McClellan Angus |
| 16 | Alissa Jane Buote | Victor R. & Rosemarie Boschen Buote |
| 23 | Kimberly Ann Costa | Eugene P. & Judith A. Ferreira Costa |
| 30 | Christian Allen Domingues | Wayne A. & Diana L. Chace Domingues |
| MAY | | |
| 4 | Brenda Lee Rose | Francis G. & Mary L. Berry Rose |
| 5 | Christopher Paul DeMoura | Paul E. & Donna C. Adams DeMoura |
| 13 | Scott Michael McCarthy | Edward F. & Diane Welch McCarthy |
| 22 | Heather Anne Booth | Burton L. & Valerie A. Smith Booth |
| 25 | Seth Patrick Cassidy | David & Kathryn M. Fredette Cassidy |
| 31 | Craig Andrew Richardson | Charles S. & Deborah A. Silvia Richardson |

JUNE

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|----|-----------------------|--|
| 1 | Megan Elizabeth Smith | Richard A. & Elizabeth A. Lenon Smith |
| 16 | Sheryl Ellen Wheeler | William R. & Janice E. Libby Wheeler |
| 27 | Nicole Louise Leach | Ralph E. & Pamela L. Smith Leach |

JULY

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| 2 | Andrew Durose Wood | Richard B. & Elizabeth L. O'Brien Wood |
| 2 | Tiffany Jane Steele | John G. & Dawnne E. Stonstrom Steele |
| 19 | Matthew Richard Bryce | Richard E. & Donna L. Logan Bryce |
| 20 | Jeffrey Edward Averill | Gery R. & Rebecca A. Walsh Averill |
| 22 | Kerrin Ann Carter | William S. & Linda Barney Carter |

AUGUST

| | | |
|----|---------------------------|--|
| 2 | Tamara Lyn Hebert | Jean Y. & Pennie P. Shaw Hebert |
| 3 | Kristopher Norman Swain | John T. & Cynthia A. Rose Swain |
| 26 | Daniel Wade Mendonca | John F. & Margaret A. Scott Mendonca |
| 30 | Brooke Stephanie Bilodeau | Leo E. & Kristin A. Christiansen Bilodeau |
| 31 | Chris Edward Silvia | Edward J. & Cathy G. Rollins Silvia |

SEPTEMBER

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|----|---------------------------|--|
| 4 | Robert Francis Harnish IV | Robert F. & Patricia M. Souza Harnish III |
| 4 | Julie Anne Fredericks | Douglas R. & Debra Anne Torres Fredericks |
| 8 | Jonathan David Holt | David R. & Rhonda R. Reynolds Holt |
| 10 | Melissa Marie Cromwell | Wayne L. & Joanna Alves Cromwell |

OCTOBER

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|----|---------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 5 | James Silvia Jr. | James J. & Eileen C. Costa Silvia |
| 21 | Jennifer Lee Coelho | Joseph A. & Linda L. Rose Coelho |

NOVEMBER

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|----|---------------------------|---|
| 3 | Joseph Raymond Benoit | Joseph A. & Susan M. Simmons Benoit |
| 3 | Amanda Lea Tibbetts | Charles A. & Sherry I. Rumery Tibbetts |
| 18 | Emily Patricia Chadwick | David & Gertrude R. Healey Chadwick |
| 22 | Janna Elizabeth Meckowski | Paul & Millicent S. Wagstaff Meckowski |

DECEMBER

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|----|---------------------------|--|
| 9 | William Harrison Sherman | Williams E. & Elaine M. Pelletier Sherman |
| 13 | Steven Jeffrey Adams | Robert W. & Wendy L. Lingley Adams |
| 14 | Tracy Ann Duarte | Richard & Joan M. Richard Duarte |
| 22 | Adam Joseph Gracia | Richard W. & Martha J. Wilcox Gracia |
| 27 | Jason Christopher Freeman | Douglas W. & Cheryl A. Batson Freeman |
| 27 | Steven Michael Ratter | Gilbert & Ruth L. Quattrocchi Ratter |
| 28 | Douglas Paul Santos | Paul & Karen Jean Lott Santos |
| 31 | Joseph Anthony Ferry | William R. & Judith M. Medeiros Ferry |

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1974

Date Names

JANUARY

- 10 Samuel D. Pine of Dighton and Colleen Degenstein of Somerset
- 11 Raymond E. Simmons of Dighton and Florence J. (Chevrien) Joseph of No. Attleboro
- 19 Michael B. Carty of Dighton and Joan E. Quigley of Taunton
- 19 John Westfall of Taunton and Rose V. Uva of Taunton

FEBRUARY

- 1 Keith Rogers of Prov., R.I. and Jean Dias of Taunton
- 1 Stephen E. Hamilton of Dighton and Karen M. Collins of Taunton
- 2 Kenneth D. Barnett of Somerset and Janice A. (Haley) Silvia of Somerset
- 16 Thomas S. DiBona of Somerset and Joyce A. DeMello of Dighton
- 24 Michael E. Glines of Rehoboth and Tia Jean Reeder of Rehoboth
- 27 David J. Mathieu of Taunton and Sandra (Marston) Marshall of Taunton
- 28 John B. Grant of Taunton and Ethel (Baxter-Green) Dermody of Dighton

MARCH

- 5 Joseph L. Dias of Taunton and Kathie A. Jolie of Newport, R.I.
- 22 James Silvia of Fall River and Eilen C. Costa of Dighton

APRIL

- 5 Robert E. Cook of Dighton and Sandra M. (LeForrest) Harbin of Dighton
- 19 Gary E. Grace of Orlando, Fla. and Dayle M. Bradshaw of Dighton

- 19 John J. Perry Jr. of Rehoboth and Maureen E. Otis of Dighton
- 20 Howard T. Graham of Taunton and Irene E. Roderick of Dighton

MAY

- 4 Daniel J. Buckley of Dighton and Helene Y. St. Pierre of Rehoboth
- 10 Paul L. Bedard of Taunton and Sandra J. Martin of Dighton
- 15 Milton A. Elliott of Prov., R.I. and Marion H. (Chace) Whittaker of Prov., R.I.
- 17 William G. Fleming Jr. of Dighton and Patricia E. Hayden of Dighton
- 18 Leslie E. Chapelle of Rehoboth and Marianne Heagney of Dighton
- 25 Richard J. Furtado of Taunton and Janet L. Santos of Dighton
- 25 Gary T. J. Sanson of Dighton and Caryn Higgins of Dighton
- 29 Robert A. Holmes of Burbank, Cal. and Mary P. (Lema) Leonard of Taunton

JUNE

- 1 Thomas W. Geggatt of Dighton and Diane R. Lawlor of Berkley
- 4 Thomas L. Lutz of Norton and Nancy (Howe) Bernard of Boston
- 7 Bruce L. Phinney of Taunton and Joyce Motte of Dighton
- 8 James A. Marshall of Berkley and Nancy P. McCrohan of Berkley
- 8 Osvaldo DeAndrade of Taunton and Maria S. (Moniz) Silva of Taunton
- 8 David J. Habib of Somerset and Linda A. McMurray of Fall River
- 8 Mark J. Durst of Dighton and Suzanne Ruhmshottel of Springfield
- 14 Garrison G. Borge of Dighton and Donna L. Paradis of Swansea

- 14 Wayne F. Butler of Taunton and Deborah Costa of Dighton
- 15 Larry W. Dunham of Dighton and Joanne J. Knorr of Dighton
- 15 Williams Alves of Dighton and Susan Baker of Norwood
- 16 Jon M. Nosek of So. Lancaster and Holly J. Latimer of Dighton
- 21 Edward W. Rounds of Taunton and Marsha E. Hamilton of Dighton
- 22 Kenton R. Salisbury of Rehoboth and Carolyn M. Leach of Dighton
- 22 Stephen C. Scott of So. Portland, Maine and Linda Ann Ventura of Dighton
- 24 Edmund Vieira of Taunton and Anna (Schiavo) MacDougall of Dighton
- 28 Stanley R. Lunn of Middleboro and Karen M. Souza of Dighton
- 29 Thomas M. Moxley of Dighton and Martha (Nay) Wainwright of Middleboro
- 29 Neil A. Morrison of Brookline and Debra A. Wolfenden of Dighton

JULY

- 6 Darryl Potter of Taunton and Eva Cudworth of Mansfield
- 6 Edward J. Ronan of New Bedford and Harriet A. (Stapleton) Wood of New Bedford
- 13 Vincent R. McCrohan of Berkley and Linda R. Gagne of Fall River
- 13 Manuel J. Caldeira of E. Prov., R.I. and Sharon Littlefield of Swansea
- 17 Robert Penny of Attleboro and Shirley Reardon of Taunton
- 19 Henry J. LePage of Fall River and Elizabeth Ann Lannon of Dighton
- 20 Joseph Gleason of Taunton and Marilyn (Walczak) Whalley of Taunton
- 27 William N. Andrews Jr. of Cleveland, Ohio and Anona M. Meaney of Leominster

AUGUST

- 17 Daniel B. Davis of Dighton and Diane M. Kenworthy of Rehoboth
- 24 David C. Pacheco of Fall River and Deborah B. Simmons of Dighton

SEPTEMBER

- 13 William J. Holmes of Taunton and Sheryl Norton of Taunton
- 13 Ronald Ouellette of Taunton and Virginia (Hallahan) Cardoza of Taunton
- 20 Donald L. Herbeck of Norton and Brenda A. Lima of Dighton
- 21 Michael Keith of Dighton and Carol Mirando of Dighton
- 27 Ronald V. Fernandes of Dighton and Debra A. Goulart of Dighton

OCTOBER

- 4 Paul J. Ventura of Taunton and Cheryl L. Costa of Dighton
- 11 John M. Dunne of Taunton and Susan A. (Titus) Laramee of Mansfield
- 11 Thomas Lehmann of New York and Carol M. Conaty of Dighton
- 12 Alfred J. Nadeau of Taunton and Patricia M. Vargas of Taunton
- 12 David D. Reese of Maryland and Margaret A. Goggin of Dighton
- 16 Samuel S. Smith of Taunton and Margaret C. (Jamieson) Ratter of Dighton
- 20 Daniel S. Costa of Dighton and Diana Griswold of Middleboro
- 26 William Perry Chace Jr. of Dighton and Carol Borden of Somerset

NOVEMBER

- 6 Wayne Cromwell of Dighton and Joanna Alves of Taunton
- 9 Ronald St. Pierre of Fall River and Cynthia A. Martin of Dighton

- 15 Gary T. Rose of Dighton and Kathleen A. Bodessa of Dighton
- 16 Harold R. Clark Jr. of Pawtucket, R.I. and Winona G. (Griffin) Ricci of Cranston, R.I.
- 16 Roger K. Duquenoy of Amherst and Diane Fernandes of Dighton
- 26 Richard Medeiros of Taunton and Marion (Parris) Peters of Taunton

DECEMBER

- 3 John Fernandes of Dighton and Susan M. Silvia of Taunton
- 7 Gerard R. Roy of Taunton and Donna L. Thomas of Taunton
- 7 Alan C. Souza of Dighton and Jeana M. Hood of Taunton
- 10 Peter Vernon Steele of Dighton and Carol Lorraine Hodder of Rockland
- 12 Rene A. Melanson of Attleboro and Ruth L. (Battey) Ritchotte of Attleboro
- 13 Richard A. Brisson of Dighton and Jacqueline A. Emond of Dighton
- 21 Robert Edward Unangst Jr. of Rehoboth and Cynthia Lee Carleton of Dighton
- 24 Francis Leo Leonard Jr. of Taunton and Gail Ann (Dauphinee) Teixeira of Mansfield

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON DURING 1974

| Date | Name | Yrs. | Mos. | Days |
|----------|--|------|------|------|
| JANUARY | | | | |
| 17 | Norman Stanley Bowen | 92 | — | — |
| 21 | Charles B. Ferriæ | 57 | — | — |
| FEBRUARY | | | | |
| 19 | Joseph Cruz | 76 | — | — |
| MARCH | | | | |
| 15 | Charles E. French | 76 | 5 | 29 |
| 24 | James E. Harney | 45 | 11 | 5 |
| 28 | Wilhelmina (Ferreira) Ferreira Horton | 44 | — | — |
| APRIL | | | | |
| 21 | Harold Perry | 87 | 8 | 13 |
| MAY | | | | |
| 8 | Richard Mendoza DeMello | 51 | 1 | 27 |
| 23 | Robert E. Townsend | 70 | 11 | 8 |
| JUNE | | | | |
| 1 | Alvin Ebenezer Briggs | 76 | 3 | 29 |
| 3 | Megan Smith | — | — | 2 |
| 14 | David Wilson | 17 | — | — |
| 21 | Mary (Mello) Perry | 84 | 1 | 9 |
| JULY | | | | |
| 3 | Frank George Dutra | 85 | 2 | 23 |
| 16 | William Harrison Reed | 77 | 1 | 21 |
| 25 | Ernest Alfred Carreiro | 47 | 3 | 4 |
| 26 | Harriet Elizabeth Paul | 86 | 3 | 27 |

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AUGUST

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|---|-------------------------|----|---|----|
| 2 | George O. Mansfield | 58 | 9 | 28 |
| 2 | Antone Silveira Goulart | 97 | 7 | 15 |

SEPTEMBER

| | | | | |
|----|--------------------------------|----|---|----|
| 4 | Willard H. Ellis | 61 | 1 | 11 |
| 9 | Edith (Lester) Holmes | 90 | 8 | 13 |
| 25 | Florence Esther (Hartt) Farrar | 64 | 5 | 29 |
| 28 | Jessie Eileen (Withers) Perry | 49 | 5 | 14 |

OCTOBER

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|----|-------------------------|----|----|----|
| 7 | Roberta (Salley) Silvia | 47 | — | 2 |
| 18 | Guido A. Greco | 50 | 11 | 29 |
| 18 | George W. Rose | 79 | 9 | 30 |
| 20 | Margaret L. Lewis | 67 | — | — |
| 21 | Michael G. Cusick | 66 | — | — |
| 28 | Stella (Vieira) Cambra | 52 | 9 | 52 |

NOVEMBER

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|----|-------------------------|----|---|----|
| 9 | Charles Albert Cranshaw | 71 | 7 | 13 |
| 17 | William A. Boucher | 51 | 5 | 9 |

DECEMBER

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| 27 | Sister Imelda Turcotte | 89 | 6 | 20 |
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REPORT ON CEMETERY FUND

| | Amount of Fund | Balance |
|--------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| Harriet M. Briggs | \$200.00 | \$259.01 |
| Submit Babbitt | 150.00 | 191.56 |
| Mary J. Briggs | 100.00 | 154.13 |
| Edgar A. Essex | 200.00 | 298.88 |
| Ebenezer Gay | 150.00 | 168.05 |
| William D. Goff Lot | 100.00 | 130.49 |
| Bliss—Arthur A. Hathaway | 200.00 | 266.80 |
| Nancy C. Jones | 150.00 | 210.26 |
| Dr. A. J. Smith | 150.00 | 188.57 |
| Martha L. Smith | 50.99 | 56.68 |
| Sarah Babbitt Lot | 100.00 | 170.94 |
| Oliver P. Simmons | 721.00 | 798.97 |
| Joseph Gooding | 142.75 | 144.92 |
| Josephine G. Thaxter Lot | 100.00 | 121.60 |
| William Walker | 250.00 | 252.11 |
| Jesse P. Goff | 100.00 | 133.11 |
| George H. Horton | 100.00 | 150.91 |
| E. & J. Lincoln | 200.00 | 209.46 |
| Gilbert Strange | 300.00 | 312.62 |
| Josiah R. Talbot | 100.00 | 188.66 |
| Emery White | 200.00 | 228.47 |
| Emeline Williams | 100.00 | 123.63 |
| Charles E. Carr | 500.00 | 651.18 |
| Isabelle W. Snow | 100.00 | 102.48 |
| N. Allen Walker | 150.98 | 156.90 |
| Briggs Lot | 125.00 | 127.40 |
| Joshua Bliss | 5,000.00 | 6,775.90 |
| Bliss-Westcoat | 200.00 | 342.27 |
| David W. Francis | 100.00 | 170.32 |
| Albert F. Goff | 50.00 | 51.35 |
| Elbridge G. Francis | 200.00 | 340.53 |
| George E. Francis | 100.00 | 259.96 |
| Benjamin W. Goff | 100.00 | 185.29 |
| Emerson W. Goff | 100.00 | 163.87 |
| Ephira Goff | 100.00 | 147.50 |

CEMETERY FUND—continued

| | Amount of Fund | Balance |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| Truman N. Goff | 100.00 | 188.22 |
| Zenas H. Goff | 200.00 | 412.31 |
| John H. Harlow | 100.00 | 138.19 |
| Alfred A. Horton | 100.00 | 141.45 |
| John H. Horton | 100.00 | 160.45 |
| Nelson Horton | 100.00 | 235.27 |
| Job Paull | 100.00 | 203.37 |
| Robert S. Waterman | 100.00 | 155.24 |
| Etta Westcott | 100.00 | 173.13 |
| Westcott & McNally | 200.00 | 275.79 |
| Francis H. Wheeler | 100.00 | 163.12 |
| Shubel Wheeler | 100.00 | 132.83 |
| Thomas B. Witherell | 100.00 | 154.18 |
| Helen C. Briggs | 75.00 | 81.91 |
| Sylvanus Jones | 100.00 | 128.48 |
| Nathan Walker | 100.00 | 108.45 |
| Wendell Weed | 100.00 | 102.87 |
| Williams Lot | 100.00 | 290.19 |
| Rufus P. Horton | 400.00 | 525.93 |
| Charles & Mary Olney | 200.00 | 264.08 |
| Asa & Hannah Waterman Lot | 200.00 | 259.39 |
| Charles Osman Gay | 200.00 | 221.25 |
| Smith Kay Lot | 500.00 | 552.89 |
| Smith Burying Ground | 50.00 | 123.41 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | \$14,215.72 | \$19,427.18 |

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| Name | Address | Post Office | Occupation |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-------------|---|
| William F. Ashcroft | 713 Spring St. | No. Dighton | Gear Shaper (Leadman) |
| William R. Benson | 261 Kirk Terrace | No. Dighton | Ol Burner Tech. |
| Y. Geraldine Berube | 204 Pearl St. | No. Dighton | Housewife |
| Bernice L. Botelho | 2544 County St. | Dighton | Housewife |
| Manuel F. Botelho | 2544 County St. | Dighton | Chemical Operator |
| Carlton L. Brown | 1783 Elm St. | Dighton | Retired |
| George C. Carvalho | 867 Main St. | Dighton | Gladiola Grower, Semi-Retired |
| Albert A. Colp | 2515 Horton St. | No. Dighton | Bakery Manager |
| Gladys I. Colp | 2515 Horton St. | No. Dighton | Bookkeeper, Real Estate Agency |
| Antone Compos | 2575 Elm St. | Dighton | Office Manager |
| Joseph Cordeiro, Jr. | 2522 County St. | Dighton | Institution Protect., Taunton State Hospital |
| Helen Cordell | 1940 Horton St. | No. Dighton | Housewife |
| Frank E. Costa, Jr. | 1841 Elm St. | Dighton | Sr. Cost Accountant, Cost Analyst |
| Allen C. Fanjoy | 405 Main St. | Dighton | Time Study Engineer |
| Alfred R. Fisher | 1971 Elm St. | Dighton | Maintenance Man |
| Guy M. Fleck, Sr. | 1400 Somerset Ave. | Dighton | Mill Oper., Class B |
| John Gracia | 201 Muddy Cove | Dighton | Retired |
| Gertrude Gray | 1918 Wellington St. | Dighton | Switchboard Oper. |
| Martina B. Grover | 1358 Williams St. | Dighton | Part Time Sch. Teach. |
| Walter E. Hamilton, Jr. | 2328 Pleasant St. | Dighton | Prod. Mgr., Jewelry |
| Joseph E. Hathaway | 463 Hart St. | Dighton | Civil Eng. Tech. Supv. |
| Barbara A. Higgins | 1905 Elm St. | Dighton | Housewife |
| Agnes D. Holmes | 512 Brook St. | Dighton | Housewife |
| Kenneth H. Holmes | 1148 Cedarwood Cir. | No. Dighton | Retired |
| Lily Holt | 219 Andrews St. | No. Dighton | Housewife |
| Martha M. Hopkins | 1333 Somerset Ave. | Segreganset | Assemb., Fox. Co. |

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| Name | Address | Post Office | Occupation |
|-----------------------|---------------------|-------------|--|
| Randall W. Hopkins | 1331 Somerset Ave. | Segreganset | Landscape Gard. |
| Gordon E. James | 1836 Elm St. | Dighton | Mgr. Body Shop Work, Auto Sales and Service |
| Shirley M. LaFrance | 106 Walker St. | No. Dighton | Housewife |
| Robert H. Leeming | 1315 Somerset Ave. | Segreganset | Retired |
| Helen S. McCarthy | 235 Bedford St. | No. Dighton | Retired |
| William K. McCarthy | 235 Bedford St. | No. Dighton | Retired |
| Janice Ruth McClellan | 2713 Horton St. | No. Dighton | At Home |
| Robert D. McKim, Jr. | 966 Main St. | Dighton | Lineman for Mass. El. |
| Lucy Mendoza | 1971 Elm St. | Dighton | At Home |
| Muriel T. Murray | 2095 Elm St. | Dighton | Housewife |
| Francis G. O'Connor | 641 School St. | No. Dighton | Electrician, I.C.I. America, Inc. |
| Emily C. Pilling | 1996 Elm St. | Dighton | Librarian |
| Leo A. Plouffe | 1290 Smith St. | Dighton | Elec. Eng. Supervisor |
| Fred Rebello | 306 Forest St. | No. Dighton | Retired |
| Adele M. Rose | 310 Brook St. | Dighton | Postal Clerk |
| Kenneth G. Rubadou | 572 Old Som. Ave. | No. Dighton | Insurance Agt. |
| Margaret Ann Scully | 241 Summer St. | No. Dighton | Housewife |
| John V. Sloan | 1624 Old Will. St. | Dighton | Retired |
| Florence Louise Smith | 2566 Horton St. | No. Dighton | Teachers Aide |
| Raymond J. Sousa | 2815 Pleasant St. | Dighton | Operating Engineer |
| Thaddeus Swakon | 192 Forest St. | No. Dighton | Machinist |
| Sylvester Vilela | 451 Tremont St. | No. Dighton | Plant Mgr.. Alumitron Corp. |
| William L. White | 225 Chase St. | No. Dighton | Postal Clerk |
| Mary R. Wolfenden | 1160 Briggs St. | No. Dighton | At Home |
| Clifford A. Wood | 2619 Wellington St. | Dighton | Asso. Prof. of English |
| Ralph A. Woodward | 252 Tremont St. | No. Dighton | Jr. Project Adm. |

JURORS DRAWN DURING THE YEAR 1974

January 16, 1974

Gerald L. Chapman, 362 Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton—
Business Administration, Material Control Supervisor

January 16, 1974

Madelyn L. Rose, 176 Cobb St., Dighton—Packer

Mary E. Talbot, 158 Chase St., No. Dighton—Housewife

March 11, 1974

Seth Dutra, 222 Muddy Cove, Dighton—Retired

March 18, 1974

Mary I. Courcy, 95 Forest St., No. Dighton—Electronics

Alma McCutcheon, 240 Rose Terrace, Dighton—Housewife

April 17, 1974

Helen Compos, 2575 Elm St., Dighton—Housewife

May 15, 1974

Francis M. Ferreira, 86 Forest St., No. Dighton—Barber

Donald E. Wolfe, 247 Andrews St., No. Dighton—Senior
Analyst

August 21, 1974

Helen Cordell, 1940 Horton St., No. Dighton—Housewife

September 18, 1974

Walter E. Hamilton, Jr., 2328 Pleasant St., Dighton—
Production Manager

Carlton L. Brown, 1783 Elm St., Dighton—Retired

William F. Ashcroft, 713 Spring St., No. Dighton—Gear
Shaper

Emily Pilling, 1996 Elm St., Dighton—Librarian

October 16, 1974

Barbara Higgins, 1905 Elm St., Dighton—Housewife

William Benson, 261 Kirk Terrace, No. Dighton—Oil
Burner Technician

November 13, 1974

John V. Sloan, 1624 Old William St., Dighton—Retired

December 20, 1974

Shirley M. LaFrance, 106 Walker St., Dighton—Housewife

December 23, 1974

Joseph Cordeiro Jr., 2522 County St., Dighton—Institution Protection

TREASURER'S REPORT

| | |
|--|----------------|
| Balance in Treasury Dec. Dec. 31, 1972 | \$ 282,064.42 |
| Total Receipts June 1974—General Cash | 5,688,066.37 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,970,130.79 |
| Selectmen's Warrants June 1974 | \$5,322,763.51 |
| Balance in Treasury June 1974 | 647,367.28 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$5,970,130.79 |
| Revenue Sharing Funds | |
| Balance in Treasury Dec. 31, 1972 | \$ 35,919.00 |
| Funds Received June 1974 | 123,920.00 |
| Invested Funds Interest Received | 5,682.08 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 165,521.08 |
| Total Warrants June 1974 | 69,516.67 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance in Treasury June 1974 | \$ 96,004.41 |

See Town Accountant's Report for detailed list of receipts and expenditures.

FRANK R. ROGERS,
Town Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our report to the citizens of Dighton for the year 1974 is as follows:

APPROPRIATIONS

| | | |
|--|----------------|----------------------|
| To be raised by taxation | \$1,999,029.90 | |
| To be taken from available funds | | |
| Voted in 1974 | 206,383.30 | |
| Construction of School Proj. (Chp 766) | 11,797.00 | |
| School Lunches | 7,066.40 | |
| Free Public Libraries | 1,750.13 | |
| County Tax | 84,403.94 | |
| State Recreation Areas | 18,945.07 | |
| Audit of Municipal Accounts | 6,415.22 | |
| Mosquito Control Projects | 4,688.00 | |
| Motor Vehicles Excise Tax Bills | 646.95 | |
| State Assessment System | 189.72 | |
| Air Pollution Control District | 186.97 | |
| Special Education | 4,000.00 | |
| 1974 Underestimate | 1.44 | |
| Overlay | 100,612.55 | |
| Amount to be raised | | <hr/> \$2,446,116.59 |

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| 1975 Fiscal Year Estimated Receipts | \$640,980.56 | |
| Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise | 135,000.00 | |
| Licenses | 7,600.00 | |
| Fines | 500.00 | |
| Interest | 1,600.00 | |
| Overestimates | 8,383.71 | |
| Transferred from available funds | 206,383.30 | |
| Total Estimated Receipts | | <hr/> \$1,000,447.57 |
| Net Amount to be raised by taxes | | <hr/> \$1,445,669.02 |

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Value of Personal Property | \$1,067,540.00 | |
| Taxes on Personal Property | | \$175,076.56 |
| Value of Real Estate | 7,747,515.00 | |
| Taxes on Real Estate | | 1,270,592.46 |
| Total Valuation | \$8,815,055.00 | |
| Total Taxes | | \$1,445,669.02 |
| TAX RATE \$164.00 per M | | |

DIGHTON WATER DISTRICT

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Appropriations | \$140,515.75 | |
| To be taken from available funds | | |
| Voted in 1974 | 1,559.67 | |
| Overlay | 5,432.97 | |
| Amount to be raised | | \$147,508.39 |
| Estimated receipts | \$40,000.00 | |
| Transferred from available funds | 14,000.00 | |
| Total Estimated Receipts | | 54,000.00 |
| Net amount to be raised by taxes | | 93,508.39 |
| Value of Personal Property | \$514,642.40 | |
| Taxes on Personal Property | | 9,109.17 |
| Value of Real Estate | 4,768,317.50 | |
| Taxes on Real Estate | | 84,399.22 |
| Total Valuations | \$5,282,959.90 | |
| Total Taxes | | \$93,508.39 |
| TAX RATE \$17.70 per M | | |

DIGHTON ELECTRIC LIGHT DISTRICT

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Appropriations | \$7,154.00 | |
| To be taken from available funds | | |
| Voted in 1974 | 444.50 | |
| Overlay | 416.87 | |
| Amount to be raised | | \$8,015.37 |
| From Savings Account to reduce Rate | 2,000.00 | |
| Total Estimated Receipts | | 2,000.00 |
| Net Amount to be raised by taxes | | \$6,015.37 |

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|----------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Value of Personal Property | \$439,725.00 | |
| Taxes on Personal Property | | 703.56 |
| Value of Real Estate | 3,319,882.00 | |
| Taxes on Real Estate | | 5,311.81 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Valuation | \$3,759,607.00 | |
| Total Taxes | | \$6,015.37 |
| TAX RATE \$1.60 per M | | |

NORTH DIGHTON FIRE DISTRICT

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|-------------|
| Appropriations | \$33,944.50 | |
| To be taken from available funds | | |
| Voted in 1974 | 1,018.86 | |
| Overlay | 771.44 | |
| Amount to be raised | | \$35,734.80 |
| Estimated Receipts | \$20,000.00 | |
| Transferred from available funds | 3,400.00 | |
| Total Estimated Receipts | | 23,400.00 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Net amount to be raised by taxes | | \$12,334.80 |
| Value of Personal Property | \$138,950.00 | |
| Taxes on Personal Property | | 833.70 |
| Value of Real Estate | 1,916,851.00 | |
| Taxes on Real Estate | | 11,501.10 |
| | <hr/> | |
| Total Valuation | \$2,055,801.00 | |
| Total Taxes | | \$12,334.80 |
| TAX RATE \$6.00 per M | | |

This report is a compilation of all appropriations along with estimated receipts beginning July 1, 1974 and ending June 30, 1975, and includes the three districts within the Town. In brief, your taxes for the past year were reduced by about 3% for the Town, 1% for the Light District, the North Dighton Fire District increased 20%, and the Dighton Water District increased about 13%. Not bad considering total appropriations were considerably higher than in the previous year.

Regarding our revaluation which is now completed and will be reflected in your tax bill for fiscal 76 (Starting July 1975 and ending June 30, 1976). It is extremely difficult to project a tax rate using our new values because our new rate will be predicated on reimbursements from the state (Cherry Sheet) and expenditures at our annual meeting this May.

Of late there has been much controversy regarding 100% assessments. Perhaps the following will help to further understand this very important mandate to each city and town.

We "Quote" from the State Tax Commissioner concerning the Mass. Supreme Court decision.

Since this decision represents an important landmark in local property tax administration for Massachusetts, all local officials directly or indirectly involved in this area are urged to study the decision carefully and to relate its import to their communities.

The Court has unequivocally declared—

" . . . that (1) the commissioner of corporations and taxation has the power and the duty to direct local assessors to take such action as will tend to produce uniformity throughout the Commonwealth in valuation and assessments; (2) the state tax commission has the power and the duty to direct city and town officers to furnish such returns and statements relative to the amount and value of taxable property in the city or town as it deems necessary to enable it to determine and establish for each city and town an equalized valuation which shall be the fair cash value of all property in such city or town subject to local taxation as of January 1 in each even-numbered year; and (3) the functions of the commissioner and the commission in these respects are to command and not merely to advise or educate, and it is the legal duty of the assessors to obey their lawful commands."

Pursuant to the interlocutory decree to be entered, the Commissioner and Commission are required to make a report of progress to the Court within six months and periodically thereafter.

The Commisioner and Commission intend to comply fully with the Court's decree and to utilize all appropriate means within their statutory powers, as delineated by the Court, to insure that all cities and towns apply the required standards of uniformity and full value assessment.

Each board of assessors is requested to submit to this office, on or before April 1, 1975, its plan for bringing property assessments in its municipality to full cash value and effecting uniformity of assessment among all property within each class and among all classes. The plan must, of necessity, involve other officials within the community and should be developed in conjunction with them. The Commissioner will thereafter review and evaluate all plans submitted with a view of adopting for all communities a general plan of implementation which takes into account, where necessary, the special needs and requirements of individual municipalities.

The plan to be submitted should be as detailed as possible at this time. It should include an evaluation of current assessment practices, the steps which are anticipated to be necessary to implement full value and uniform assessments, their order of priority and the projected timetable. Although it is recognized that reasonable periods of time will be necessary in order to comply with the Court's mandate, each city and town must plan to move to a state of compliance with deliberate speed.

The Commissioner and Commission intend to provide as much advisory assistance to cities and towns as is feasible, given their resources of staffing and equipment. During the ensuing weeks, area meetings will be held by departmental personnel for local officials to review minimum standards for assessment administration and methods of achieving uniform and full assessments.

This office invites and solicits the cooperation of all local officials in carrying out this far-reaching decision of the Court. All interested groups are also urged to submit their views relative to the most appropriate manner for attaining the statutory requirements of property assessment.

There is a great deal of work to be done. We can achieve our goal if all interested parties and concerned citizens, both in and out of government, begin at once to work together in meeting our legal responsibility.

Very truly yours,

Nicholas L. Metaxas
Commissioner of Corporations
and Taxation

Needless to say that our house is in order regarding this mandate and we are grateful that this enormous task is behind us.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD MENDOZA, Chairman
HOWELL S. CARR
LEA T. PIVIROTT
Board of Assessors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

| | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|----------|-----------|------------|
| Real Estate | | | | | |
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1973 | 713.40 | 788.80 | 4,602.18 | 29,325.61 | |
| Commitment | | | | | 649,199.11 |
| Added Interest | | | 156.98 | 626.81 | 402.11 |
| Demands | | | 5.00 | 44.00 | 36.00 |
| Refund Abatements | | | | | 5,265.62 |
| | 713.40 | 788.80 | 4,764.11 | 29,996.42 | 654,903.16 |
| Paid Treasurer | | | | | |
| Refund Returned | | | 1,782.98 | 19,740.08 | 603,682.53 |
| Abatements | | | | | 250.50 |
| Taxes in Litigation | 713.40 | 788.80 | 829.40 | 980.20 | 29,587.47 |
| Balance Due, 6/30/74 | | | 2,151.73 | 9,276.14 | 484.30 |
| | 713.40 | 788.80 | 4,764.11 | 29,996.42 | 20,898.36 |
| | | | | | 654,903.16 |
| Personal Property | | | | | |
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1973 | | | 256.60 | 540.80 | |
| Commitment | | | | | 83,042.84 |
| Added Interest | | | | 2.03 | |
| Demands | | | | 3.00 | |
| | | | 256.60 | 545.83 | 83,042.84 |

| | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
|----------------------|------|------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| Paid Treasurer | | | 213.70 | 157.13 | 82,788.16 |
| Abatements | | | | | 62.63 |
| Balance Due, 6/30/74 | | | <u>42.90</u> | <u>388.70</u> | <u>192.05</u> |
| | | | 256.60 | 545.83 | 83,042.84 |

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|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Motor Vehicle Excise | | | | | |
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1973 | 167.83 | 682.38 | 4,830.81 | 18,000.46 | |
| Commitment | | | | | 54,096.15 |
| Added Commitments | | | 723.70 | 22,649.66 | |
| Added Interest | 7.12 | | 1.30 | 20.00 | |
| Demands | 2.00 | | 25.00 | 159.00 | |
| Refund Abatements | | | <u>33.00</u> | <u>789.90</u> | |
| | <u>176.95</u> | <u>682.38</u> | 5,613.81 | 41,619.02 | 54,096.15 |
| Paid Treasurer | 97.67 | | 1,433.91 | 27,778.67 | 9,684.71 |
| Abatements | | | 476.15 | 3,586.67 | 2,318.22 |
| Balance Due, 6/30/74 | <u>79.28</u> | <u>682.38</u> | <u>3,703.75</u> | <u>10,253.68</u> | <u>42,093.22</u> |
| | 176.95 | 682.38 | 5,613.81 | 41,619.02 | 54,096.15 |

| Dighton Water District—Real Estate | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1973 | 64.60 | 68.40 | 799.80 | 2,585.88 | |
| Commitment | | | | | 35,727.40 |
| Added Interest | | | 34.09 | 32.58 | 18.36 |
| Demands | | | 7.00 | 26.00 | 24.00 |
| Refunds | | | | | 55.50 |
| | <u>64.60</u> | <u>68.40</u> | <u>840.89</u> | <u>2,644.46</u> | <u>35,825.26</u> |
| Paid Treasurer | | | | | |
| Taxes in Litigation | 64.60 | 68.40 | 345.09 | 1,366.01 | 33,880.58 |
| Abatements | | | 60.80 | 58.90 | 28.50 |
| Balance Due, 6/30/74 | | | 435.00 | 1,219.55 | 1,775.68 |
| | <u>64.60</u> | <u>68.40</u> | <u>840.89</u> | <u>2,644.46</u> | <u>35,825.26</u> |
| Dighton Water District—Personal Property | | | | | |
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1973 | | | 4.80 | 10.85 | |
| Commitment | | | | | 3,452.44 |
| Added Interest | | | | .08 | |
| Demands | | | | 2.00 | |
| | | | <u>4.80</u> | <u>12.93</u> | <u>3,452.44</u> |
| Paid Treasurer | | | | | |
| Abatements | | | | 8.28 | 3,444.56 |
| Balance Due, 6/30/74 | | | 4.80 | 4.65 | 5.63 |
| | | | <u>4.80</u> | <u>12.93</u> | <u>2.25</u> |
| | | | | | <u>3,452.44</u> |

| Dighton Electric Light District—Real Estate | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
|---|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1973 | 6.27 | 52.07 | 187.99 | |
| Commitment | | | | 3,003.01 |
| Added Interest | | 1.48 | 2.05 | 1.35 |
| Demands | | 3.00 | 12.00 | 20.00 |
| Refund Abatement | | | | 2.79 |
| | <u>6.27</u> | <u>56.55</u> | <u>202.04</u> | <u>3,027.15</u> |

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|----------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Paid Treasurer | | 26.43 | 90.46 | 2,863.23 |
| Abatements | | | | 14.67 |
| Taxes in Litigation | 6.27 | 6.27 | 6.84 | 3.42 |
| Balance Due, 6/30/74 | | 23.85 | 104.74 | 145.83 |
| | <u>6.27</u> | <u>56.55</u> | <u>202.04</u> | <u>3,027.15</u> |

| | | | | |
|--|--|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Dighton Electric Light—Personal Property | | | | |
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1973 | | .50 | 1.26 | |
| Commitment | | | | 338.60 |
| Demands | | | 2.00 | |
| | | <u>.50</u> | <u>3.26</u> | <u>338.60</u> |

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|----------------------|--|------------|-------------|---------------|
| Paid Treasurer | | | 2.72 | 337.47 |
| Abatement | | | | .86 |
| Balance Due, 6/30/74 | | .50 | .54 | .27 |
| | | <u>.50</u> | <u>3.26</u> | <u>338.60</u> |

| | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|
| North Dighton Fire District—Real Estate | | | | | |
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1973 | 18.00 | 12.00 | 11.00 | 128.00 | |
| Commitment | | | | | 4,794.07 |
| Added Interest | | | | 1.28 | 2.43 |
| Demands | | | | 4.00 | 7.00 |
| | <u>18.00</u> | <u>12.00</u> | <u>11.00</u> | <u>133.28</u> | <u>4,803.50</u> |
| Paid Treasurer | | | | | |
| Abatements | | | | 86.78 | 4,678.25 |
| Taxes in Litigation | 18.00 | 12.00 | 11.00 | 10.00 | 1.75 |
| Balance Due, 6/30/74 | <u>18.00</u> | <u>12.00</u> | <u>11.00</u> | <u>36.50</u> | <u>5.00</u> |
| | | | | | 118.50 |
| | | | | <u>133.28</u> | <u>4,803.50</u> |
| North Dighton Fire District—Personal Property | | | | | |
| Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1973 | | | | 2.50 | |
| Commitment | | | | | 336.25 |
| Demand | | | | 1.00 | |
| Added Interest | | | | .04 | |
| | | | | <u>3.54</u> | <u>336.25</u> |
| Paid Treasurer | | | | 3.54 | 336.25 |

REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

Board of Selectmen
Town Office
Dighton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 42 of Chapter 48 of the Massachusetts General Laws, I hereby submit the Annual Report of the Dighton Fire Department.

The Fire Department answered 288 calls during 1974, including 177 Ambulance calls found listed in the Annual Ambulance Report.

A breakdown of Fire Calls is as follows:

| | |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| 4—Automobile | 1—Oven |
| 23—Brush | 1—Public Service |
| 5—Burning Wires | 1—Pump Cellar |
| 3—Chimney | 11—Recovery Operations |
| 2—Dump | 1—Remove Cat from tree |
| 8—False Alarms | 3—Rubbish |
| 1—Fireplace | 1—Smoke Investigation |
| 8—Grass | 4—Standby |
| 19—House | 1—Transformer |
| 1—House Trailer | 1—Tree |
| 1—Industrial | 1—Truck Accident |
| 1—Mutual Aid | 2—Unauthorized Burning |
| 6—Needless Call | 3—Washdown |

Approximate figures of materials and equipment used:

Water from Booster Tanks—43,995 gallons
Booster Hose—13,250 feet
1 $\frac{1}{8}$ " Forestry Hose—4,650 feet
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fire Hose—4,350 feet
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " Fire Hose—5,450 feet
Pumper worked 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours
Ladders Used: 155 feet

Smoke Ejector: 20
Portable Generator: 15
Chimney Sweep: 2
Ansul Extinguisher: 10

Permits Issued:

| | |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| 5—Blasting | 2—Model Rocket |
| 1—Fireworks Display | 54—Oil Burner |
| 4—Gasoline Storage | 183—Open-air Burning |

The following is a list of Call Firefighters on the Official Roster of the Department as of 31 December, 1974:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Allen, Joseph B. | Katon, Antone |
| Allie, Jeffrey J. | Katon, John |
| Amarillo, Ronald | Lavigne, George |
| Ashcroft, William | Lindo, Gary E. |
| Atwood, Herbert | Martin, Arthur |
| Babbitt, Beth E. | Mason, Charles, Jr. |
| Ball, George W. | Motta, Russell J. |
| Bettencourt, Jon | O'Connell, A. David |
| Botelho, Manuel | Pavao, Manuel |
| Bouchard, Leo J. | Perry, James H. |
| Brightman, Alan B. | Perry, Joseph, Jr. |
| Burr, Robert G. | Perry, Roger |
| Carr, Howell, Jr. | Perry, Wayne A. |
| Costa, Raymond J. | Reed, Albert |
| Costa, Timothy | Richardson, Charles |
| Deane, Ralph M. | Rhines, Wilfred A. |
| DeCastro, Douglas W. | Rines, Philip, Sr. |
| Dupont, David | Rivet, Richard |
| Fleck, Joseph W. | Rose, Francis |
| Fleming, William, Sr. | Rose, Gilbert, Jr. |
| Fournier, Normand R. | Sears, Charles, Jr. |
| Gailes, Joseph R. | Sherman, Robert B. |
| Garnett, Gilbert H. | Siedentopf, Bruce |
| Harwood, Michael J. | Silvia, Alvin |
| Horton, Maynard, Jr. | Silvia, Edward |
| Horton, Maynard, Sr. | Spratt, Karl, Jr. |
| Jutras, Maurice | Staples, Arnold F. |

Strange, Ellis, Jr.
Torres, Peter K.
Waller, Gregg J.

Waller, Joseph, Jr.
Waller, Keith E.
Woodward, Ralph

We regret our loss with the passing of Michael Cusick who served this Town faithfully for 22 years as a Call Member of the Fire Department.

Monthly Drills are held at both fire stations and many of these are conducted with materials and film supplied by the Massachusetts Training Academy of Framingham, Mass.

Members of the Department attended a training seminar at the Norton Fire Department Headquarters. This seminar was provided by the joint efforts of the Bristol County Fire Chiefs' Association and the Bristol County Forest Wardens and Firefighters Association. The information and training acquired at this seminar was invaluable.

A special Thank You goes to Fire Chief George F. Burgess, his Officers and Firefighters of the Norton Fire Department who supplied many of the instructors and the site for the seminar.

As this report is being written we await delivery of our second 1000 GPM pumping engine. Funds for this engine were provided for by vote at the Annual Town Meeting in March, 1973. Further planning to replace equipment must be made at least two years in advance. When this engine is delivered around the first of January, 1975 it will be housed at the North Station as Engine Six (6) and should provide many years of satisfactory service.

In my previous Annual Report I stated that our Ambulance service may have to end because of a recent law governing Ambulance service in this state. These remarks were made because of the very strict regulations governing Ambulance service. If we are to comply with the proposed regulations other arrangements for manning the Ambulance will have to be made. The 1967 Ambulance now in service will have to be replaced with one that also meets with the State regulations.

The Fire Department now has three firemen who have passed both the State and Federal Emergency Medical Technician Ambulance (E.M.T.A.) course. Manuel Botelho, Jeffrey Allie and Gilbert Garnett must be congratulated for their achievement. Two other Firemen are now enrolled in a E.M.T.A. course being held at Morton Hospital in Taunton, Mass. and should complete their course early in 1975 after more than one hundred hours of classroom and actual Emergency Room work. I might add that this training has not cost the Town anything. Every effort should be made to continue this very necessary service to the Town.

The only choice that the Town may have to continue emergency Ambulance service and provide minimum fire protection will be to provide funds for paid firemen. The voters at Town Meeting may be called upon to make this decision soon.

I wish to thank the Officers and Members of the Fire Department for their outstanding help during the past year. I also thank the Town Officials for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WHITE,

Chief of the Fire Department

REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my police report for the year ending December 31, 1974.

ARRESTS: Motor Vehicle Violations 23. Default Warrants 6; Neglect to Provide 1; Assault and Battery 1; Assault and Battery with a dangerous weapon 5; Burning a Dwelling House 2; Attempt to commit a crime 2; False report of bomb 1; Possession of Class D Substance 1; Protective Custody 4; Disorderly Person 1; Carrying a concealed weapon 1; Defrauding a lessor 1; Violation of State Sanitary Code 1; B/E in the D/T 6. B/E in the N/T 3; Larceny Over 7; Larceny Under 4; Larceny from a building 10; Receiving stolen property 2; Attempted Larceny 1; Larceny of Motor Vehicle 4; Uttering 4.

SUMMONS AND WARRANTS SERVED IN 1974—55.

COMPLAINTS—894

REQUESTS—849

Investigations 323; Accidents 109; Vandalism 93; Stolen Motor Vehicles 12; Stolen Motor Vehicles Recovered 13; Bomb Scares 3; Property Recovered 27; Larceny Under 23; Larceny Over 34. Attempted Larceny in N/T 1; B/E in N/T 13; B/E in D/T 19; B/E in Boat 2/ B/E in a business 11; Attempted B/E in the N/T 1; Assault and Battery 4; Missing Person 17; Missing persons found 17; Attempted Suicide 1; Suicide 1; Drowning 1.

PERMITS GRANTED: Firearms I.D. Cards 78; License to Carry 73; License to sell firearms 2; Machine guns 1; Tickets for Parking Violations 8.

During 1974 one officer attended Basic Training School. In July an eighth officer was appointed to our force. Members of this department attended various schools including advanced first aid, drug and advanced drug abuse, crime and records systems and bomb seminars.

Safety and Narcotic Programs were presented for the Kindergarten, Elementary and Junior High Schools, Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts. Dighton Police Association and the Dighton Businessmen's Club each donated a savings bond which were presented to the winners of our Annual Drug Essay Contest. Reed Bros., Lassen's Garage and Princess House donated prizes for the Drug Poster Contest.

A new cruiser was purchased and all necessary equipment installed in it.

Once again I want to thank my Officers, Town Officials, Townspeople and the State Police for their cooperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
KARL K. SPRATT, JR.,
Chief of Police

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1974.

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| Total circulation of books and periodicals | 20,189 |
| Adult | 12,737 |
| Juvenile | 6,662 |
| Periodicals | 790 |
| Circulation of records | 293 |
| Number of persons using reading room | 795 |
| Collected in fines | \$75.61 |

During the year 288 books were added, of which 10 were gifts.

Respectfully submitted,
EMILY C. PILLING,
Librarian

PERMITS AND LICENSES ISSUED IN 1974

The following permits were issued by the Board of Selectmen:

Building Permits:

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|-------------------------|----|---------------------|-----|
| New Houses | 28 | Plumbing Permits | 109 |
| Garages | 4 | Sanitation Permits | 42 |
| Swimming Pools | 4 | Sausage Permit | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | 62 | Garbage Permit | 1 |
| Additions & Alterations | 17 | Rubbish Permit | 1 |
| Demolishing | 9 | Gas Storage Permits | 4 |
| Gravel Permits | 11 | Electrical Permit | 71 |

The following licenses were issued:

All Alcoholic Beverages Licenses:

| | | | |
|----------------------|---|-----------------------|----|
| Common Victualler | 4 | Wine & Malt | 1 |
| Retail Package Store | 2 | Temporary Beer & Wine | 28 |

Motor Vehicle Licenses:

| | | | |
|----------|----|-----------|---|
| Class I | 1 | Class III | 2 |
| Class II | 10 | | |

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|--------------------------|----|-----------------|----|
| Denatured Alcohol | 3 | Lord's Day Sale | 7 |
| Auctioneer | 3 | Lord's Day | |
| Food Service | | Entertainment | 40 |
| Establishment | 29 | Oleomargarine | 6 |
| Camps, Cabins, Motels | 2 | Milk, Store | 5 |
| Common Victualler (Food) | 7 | Milk, Vehicle | 7 |
| Oyster Privilege | 1 | Junk Collector | 1 |

Permission to conduct dog racing was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Association, Inc. for August 31, 1974 through November 30, 1974; to Rehoboth Fair, Inc. from August 31, 1974 through September 10, 1974.

Permission was issued to Frohman Anderson to conduct Auto Cross Time Trials at the former Nike Site, Sharp's Lot Road on nine (9) Sundays during the year 1974.

Respectfully submitted,

LEAH B. CROSBY, Clerk
Board of Selectmen

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

Mr. Robert Araujo was duly elected as a member of the Planning Board. Due to a change of position, Robert Araujo had to resign and relocate in Washington, D.C. The vacancy was filled by John Pelletier, who was appointed by the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Board.

The following public hearings were held for subdivisions in 1974:

1. Roman Country Estates of Williams Street (14 homes)
2. Oak Haven Estates of Oak Street (5 homes)

A total of 28 new homes were built during 1974, of which 6 homes were built within a subdivision.

With 1974 considered as an off year for new construction, the growth of residential homes was approximately 2.5%.

The Land Use Study Project, for which funds were appropriated in 1973, has been completed by the Rhode Island School of Design and accepted by the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission.

We attended meetings with the Massachusetts Federation of Planning Boards to study the adopted amendments to Chapter 40A of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

HANS PAULSEN
FRANK N. ALVES, JR.
WILLIAM COSTA
VICTOR R. BUOTE
JOHN P. PELLETIER
Planning Board

REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMMISSION

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The Selectmen made the following reappointments to the Conservation Commission this year: Henry L. Burt, 3 years; William D. Frenette, 3 years. Frances E. Crawford, 2 years; John M. Evangelho, Jr., 2 years; Caryle J. Stonstrom, 1 year; Rosemarie B. Buote, 1 year.

New officers were elected on May 1, 1974. Caryle J. Stonstrom was elected Chairwoman, William D. Frenette, Vice-Chairman and Rosemarie B. Buote, Secretary. The resignations of Manuel S. Duarte, Jr. and Caryle J. Stonstrom were submitted and regretfully accepted by the Conservation Commission this past year. Charles F. Mello and Walter Miller were appointed by the Selectmen to fill the vacancies. The Conservation Commission then reorganized on September 4, 1974. William D. Frenette was elected Chairman; Charles F. Mello, Vice-Chairman and Rosemarie B. Buote, Secretary.

Regular meetings of the Conservation Commission are held on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. During the year, in addition to regular meetings, one public hearing was held and many special meetings were held.

A joint agreement with the Planning Board was entered into with the Rhode Island School of Design LAND Project, the student internship program of the Division of Architectural Studies, for a Land Use Study on the Town of Dighton. During the course of the contract, three joint meetings were held and work accomplished to date was explained. The Land Use Study has now been completed and the Conservation Commission members are familiarizing themselves with it in order for it to become helpful in carrying out the work of the Commission.

Work on the first phase of the Natural Resource Inventory progressed during the earlier part of the year with the

help of the Town Advisory Group. In the second phase, the natural resource goals of all town boards need to be defined before the Soil Conservation Service can continue working. This information is lacking, either by lack of interest or time, leaving the Natural Resource Inventory at a standstill.

A joint meeting was held with the Historical Commission to further discuss the Historical-Conservation area along the Segreganset River. It was agreed to hire an engineer to research deeds and provide maps of the area.

The Wetlands Protection Act (Chapter 131, Section 40) was amended on November 11, 1974. The amendments further regulate wetlands protection—and increases the responsibility of the Conservation Commission. Regulations have been formulated by the Department of Natural Resources to clarify the law and standardized procedures established for all parties in order to comply with the law. A new addition to the law grants the right for a person to request a determination from the Conservation Commission as to whether the Wetlands Act applies to his land or the work he intends to perform on the land.

We would like to thank those on the Town Advisory group for their many hours of work and all Town officials for their help and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM D. FRENETTE, Chairman
CHARLES F. MELLO, Vice-Chairman
ROSEMARIE B. BUOTE, Secretary
HENRY L. BURT
FRANCES E. CRAWFORD
JOHN M. EVANGELHO, JR.
WALTER MILLER

HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

Progress was made in the goals of the Historical Commission in 1974. The Annual Town Meeting established a Historical Conservation Area on the Segregansett River between the Tack Factory site and Williams Street with a fund of \$3,000 for engineering and legal work. Engineering work is underway to establish present ownership. Maps will be made showing present ownership and original grants in the area and probably a pictorial map of 1840 showing factories in operation along the river. This is under the joint direction of the Chairmen of Historical and Conservation Commissions.

Representatives of the Commission attended a workshop at New Bedford for instruction in recording sites and homes of historical significance. The Commission has to date submitted records and pictures of 30 sites, buildings, and homes for recording with the Massachusetts Historical Commission, State House, Boston. Four members of the Commission spent a day at the State Archives reading and recording the Tax Assessment list of 1771, laying the plans for the determination of who lived in Dighton at the time of the War of Independence, how their lives were affected, and how they made a living.

Close cooperation is being given the Bicentennial Commission in their plans for observance of the Bicentennial years. The study and recording of the military records of all Dighton citizens in the War for Independence is under way with Helen H. Lane leading the project. The Town Meeting Records, over 150 pages of hand writing, has been photocopied to make them available for reading and research. These records are interesting. The votes and instructions to the delegates to the Provincial Congress stirs ones patriotism. Dighton is indebted to Elnathan Walker, Dr. William Baylies, George Codding, Abiezer Phillips and others for their part in keeping Dighton informed as our Nation was created.

A brochure of some of the Town Records of the years

1773 to 1783 is planned as well as a reproduction of the May 20, 1776 Town Meeting in which Dighton citizens pledged their "lives and fortunes" to become "Independent of the King of Grate Britton" page 193 Town records.

CHARLES W. HARRIS, Chairman
ELAINE B. VARLEY, Secretary
HELEN H. LANE
HELEN A. BROWN
ARTHUR C. STAPLES
ROBERT McGUIRK
ROSE BORGES

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS

This is the eleventh annual report of the Board of Appeals. During the year 1974 this Board conducted twelve (12) public hearings where variances to the Zoning By-Law were sought by property owners in the Town of Dighton. The Board of Appeals heard twelve (12) cases and eight (8) variances were granted.

Variances to the Zoning By-Law are issued by the Board when its members find undue hardship to the petitioner in failing to obtain a permit to build and when the granting of a variance does not materially or adversely affect the public or the abutting property owners.

Respectfully submitted,

FROHMAN ANDERSON
JOSEPH LAWRENCE
WILLIAM E. JOHNSON

Alternates:

THOMAS J. WYNN
RICHARD M. ARRUDA
BOARD OF APPEALS

DIGHTON BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE—1974

Dighton's Bicentennial Celebration officially began with a Revolutionary Period Home Tour on Sunday, June 9th from 1:30 to 4:00 P.M. The tour included the Captain Peter Pitts-McPherson home on Smith Street, the Winslow-Davis Historical house on Williams Street, the Samuel Reed-Wallace Wood home on Pine Street, the Reverend Nathaniel Fisher-Wordell home on Somerset Avenue, the Baylies-Higgins home on Elm Street, the Dighton Community Church and the West Dighton Congregational Church. The Dighton Garden Club provided floral bouquets for each doorway and an arrangement within each home. The booklet was furnished by Patrick Menges.

The second Bicentennial event was the parade to the Town Hall and raising of the Bicentennial Flag which officially marks Dighton as a Bicentennial Community. Speakers at the event included State Senator John Parker, Selectman Robert Ferreira, and Patricia Harrington of the Massachusetts Bicentennial Commission. Monsignor Bernard Fenton gave the Invocation and Reverend Edward Robbins the Benediction. The Star-Spangled Banner was sung by Joan Prendergast, accompanied by Carolyn Melesky, and the Taunton Minute Men Fife and Drum Corps played appropriate selections during the parade and the flag raising. Selectman Edward Santos was the Master of Ceremonies for the event which was planned by the Bicentennial chairman, Mrs. Carlton Brown.

Future events include a Patriot's Ball in October, 1975, a Reenactment of a 1776 Town Meeting, Dighton Day—a picnic for the community, a Boat Parade in the summer of 1976, a Historical Exhibit, and the celebration for Dighton will conclude with an Ecumenical Concert in the fall of 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN A. BROWN, Chairman
Dighton Bicentennial Committee

REPORT OF THE VETERAN'S AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen and Citizens of Dighton:

The year ending December 31, 1974, was very active for the Veterans Benefits Department. Total cost to run the department was \$25,278.85. This was an increase over the prior year. The amount of families and individuals serviced this year was 45. This figure has more than doubled when compared to 1973. Much of this increase in aid was given on a short term basis due to temporary unemployment.

Fifty percent of all approved amounts paid in benefits is reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. To date we have received \$8,282.60 from the State in reimbursements.

The Veterans Services Office of this department is a liaison between the veterans, dependents, and the Veterans Administration. We have assisted many in filing for pensions, compensation, and educational benefits. Also we have assisted widows in filing for death benefits and burial allowances.

The fine cooperation of Town Officers and personnel at the Town Office is gratefully acknowledged.

Appreciation is expressed to the Commissioner of Veterans Services and personnel of the State Department.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH DEANE, JR.,
Veterans Agent

REPORT OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

Dighton Civil Defense has continued to be active in Local, State, and National radio and alert drills as required by the Office of Civil Defense.

Dighton's Civil Defense Radio Safety Patrol has increased from four to seven mobile units with nine active volunteer members. This patrol has been alerted for eight above normal tides and called out on patrol to monitor the tide six times. All units were called out for the Gale we had in March in which there was minor flooding and wind damage.

On Halloween eve and Halloween night all units of the Safety Patrol were at the Dighton-Rehoboth High School from 6:00 P.M. to 12:00 A.M. to help curtail vandalism. There was also a patrol there on the eve of the Thanksgiving Football Game.

The Safety Patrol took an active part in the drowning that occurred in June. There was one S.C.U.B.A. diver and one snorkel diver in the water from this unit and also some of the men walked the river banks and others were in boats.

On Memorial Day this unit aided motorists in finding alternate routes to by-pass the parade and assisted in handling the traffic.

This Radio Safety Patrol has assisted motorists in breakdowns by helping them change tires, minor repairs, and have set up flares at accident scenes.

Once again we were fortunate in not having any major storms.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the Dighton Civil Defense Radio Patrol for the many hours they have volunteered and for the excellent job they have done. The following men are members of this group: Deputy Joseph Medeiros Jr., Deputy Bruce Woodcock, Capt. Kenneth Har-

wood, Capt. William Costa Jr., Lt. Jerry Coelho, Lt. Arthur Perry, Thomas Cabral, and Willem Paulsen.

I also wish to thank my Radio Officer Emery Lincoln, the Town Officials, the Superintendent of Streets, the Police Chief, the Fire Chief, the Superintendent of the Water Dept., and their departments, the Town Office personnel, the Communication Center personnel and everyone who has helped in Civil Defense.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD J. GRACIA,

Director of Civil Defense

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

From Dighton Playground Commission

The playground commission hereby submits its report for the year ending December 31, 1974.

All three members of this commission were appointed in April of 1974 and since that time have devoted their efforts to improving the facilities at our three playgrounds.

The following equipment has been purchased, but not yet installed and every effort is being made to see that it is completed in time for our summer program.

NORTH PLAYGROUND

1—20 space bike rack

1—new merry-go-round (replacement)

SOUTH FIELD

1—10 space bike rack

1—merry-go-round (replacement)

HELEN LANE FIELD

1—climber

1—6 ft. slide

1—4 seat See Saw

Much of the existing equipment we now have is in need of repair, painting, etc. Some of this work was started during 1974. The basketball court at the North Playground was repaired and both the North and South basketball courts were lined. Painting of the fencing around the South Field was started.

The summer program was expanded in 1974 by the staffing of the Helen Lane Field with two young supervisors. The neighborhood Youth Corps, which is Federally Funded, contacted us and offered the services of four young people to assist us in our summer program. This enabled us to put two supervisors at the Helen Lane Field and one each along with a regular supervisor at the North and South Playground.

The total success of the program was due to the dedication and hard work of our playground supervisors Miss Cynthia Ashcroft and Mrs. Dorothy Sanson. They set up programs for arts and crafts and athletics events without help from any outside sources.

This commission would like to express their sincerest thanks to both of them for a job well done.

We would also like to express our appreciation to Skip Carr and his crew for the very prompt service received at the North Playground LL Field, Alfred Perry and the Street Dept. Crew, the Dighton Police Dept., the Dighton Fire Dept., and to Manny Sanson and Norman Courcy for helping this commission get started.

Respectfully,

PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

VIC VIVEIROS

GARY SANSON

SYDNEY SMITH

DOG OFFICERS REPORT 1974

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| Dog Complaints | 197 |
| Dead Dogs or Dogs hit by cars | 84 |
| Dogs found | 74 |
| Lost Dogs | 85 |
| Stray Dogs | 127 |
| Dog Bites | 51 |

All complaints involving dogs were acted on. All owners of dogs that had bitten people were notified to restrain their dogs for 14 days. Stray dogs were held for (7) days, then either returned to owners, sold, or disposed of. I received many complaints of dogs in rubbish. It is the duty of dog owners to keep their dogs out of their neighbors' rubbish and also to restrain their dogs on pickup days.

The law requires that all dogs must be licensed every year, receive rabies shots every two years, and tags should be attached to dog's collar or harness.

All unlicensed dogs will be picked up at the expense of the owner.

Dog licenses are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

I wish to thank Chief Spratt, members of the Police Dept., Communication Center Operators, and Town Office personnel for their help and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTONE R. KATON,

Dog Officer

DOGS LICENSED IN 1974

| | |
|---------|-----|
| MALES | 350 |
| FEMALES | 62 |
| SPAYED | 199 |
| KENNELS | 15 |
| | 626 |

REPORT OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR

There were 139 permits granted in 1974. 101 were completed, 14 were not completed and 24 were nearly completed. Several 1973 permits were completed in 1974 and several extensions on permits were granted. Several complaints were looked into of which 7 were found to be building without a permit.

The State has a new Building Code that we are required to adhere to.

1. All new houses will have to install Fire Detectors. These Detectors will have to be inspected and aproved by the Chief of the Fire Department.
2. All applications will include 3 sets of prints listing all materials to be used in the building of new houses.
3. There will have to be a completed inspection of all new houses before said house can be occupied. This Occupancy Permit will have to be signed by the Building Inspector and Chief of the Fire Department. This will include the leasing of apartments as well.
4. Any inside repairs, changing of doors to the outside or moving or removing of any partitions will need a permit for same.

I attended a two day seminar pertaining to local inspections upon a request by the State Inspector in Falmouth and a one day seminar in Taunton.

Respectfully submitted,

MAYNARD F. HORTON, SR.,
Building Inspector

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

The Board of Health has expended \$2,123.95 of the \$10,750.00 appropriated at the March, 1974 Town Meeting. This leaves a balance of \$8,626.05 for the period ending 12/31/74.

Mr. Leo Duffy, Sanitation Inspector inspected the locations for 42 sanitation permits and made inspections of 29 Food Service Establishments. He performed 44 soil tests for the year.

Mr. Donald French and Mr. John DeCambra, Plumbing Inspectors made 109 inspections for new installations and replacements.

Dr. Charles M. Sousa and Mrs. Carolyn Booth, RN, School Nurse, inoculated 84 Senior Citizens at a Flu Clinic sponsored by the Board of Health in conjunction with the Council on Aging on October 15, 1974.

Mrs. Booth tested 129 students for TB on September 27, 1974. There were 22 tests given to personnel.

On March 29, 1974, 383 immunizations were given for TB, Polio, Measles, Rubella and Diphtheria, 169 were given on April 26, 1974 and 17 were given on May 24, 1974.

The Board rescinded the regulations pertaining to soil testing in subdivisions that were adopted on July 18, 1972 and adopted the following regulations on July 11, 1974:

1. All tests on a parcel of land in excess of 3 acres on an accepted street shall be made during January 1 thru May 31st.
2. Percolation tests shall require a drop of 1 inch in 20 minutes.

3. A representative of the Board of Health must witness all tests.

A new identification card to authorize residential dumping at the Dighton Sanitary Landfill will be made available to Dighton residents in 1975. These cards may be obtained at the Board of Health office. They will require the registration number of the vehicle which will be used. Every resident will be required to present his or her card to the Custodian at the Landfill in order to use the facility.

During the past year we have tried to meet State requirements at the Landfill area. One of these requirements was an all weather road into the dumping area, which we have met. Another was to perform our landfill operation more in line with State specifications. We believe that we have met this requirement also. With proper operation and cooperation from all residents using this landfill it is our opinion that this area should be sufficient for several more years.

Our sewage proposals to the Town have been temporarily stalled but once again, we hope in the near future, to be able to present to the citizens of Dighton a sewage program.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. SANTOS, Chairman
ROBERT F. FERREIRA
RUDOLPH C. CHRISTENSON
Board of Health

1974 REPORT OF SANITARY INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health:

The following is my report for services performed in the Town of Dighton:

42 sewage inspections, of this number 28 were for new dwellings.

29 Food Service inspections and permits issued.

44 soil tests made on land to determine the suitability of the soil for sewage disposal purposes.

During 1974 the regulations for soil testing were altered to allow a longer testing period. The percolation rate was changed from one inch in thirty minutes to one inch in twenty minutes, as a protection to home owners.

All complaints were investigated and violations corrected as required.

I would like to thank Mr. Donald French, the members of the Board of Health and Mr. Roland Deausault of the Mass. Department of Public Health for the services provided during my illness. As a result of their help, the people of Dighton did not lack any health care or sanitation guidance and services.

Respectfully submitted,

LEO A. DUFFY, R.S., C.H.O.,
Sanitary Inspector

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON AMBULANCE

Board of Selectmen
Dighton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the Annual Report for the Town Ambulance for the year ending 31 December, 1974.

The Fire Department answered 177 Ambulance calls during 1974, as follows:

TO:

- 112—Morton Hospital, Taunton, Mass.
- 10—Union Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 14—Truesdale Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 1—Mutual Aid, Swansea, Mass.
- 3—Home, Dighton, Mass.
- 4—St. Anne's Hospital, Fall River, Mass.
- 8—Wedgemere Nursing Home, Taunton, Mass.
- 1—Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, R.I.
- 1—V.A. Hospital, Brockton, Mass.
- 1—Ridgewood Court Nursing Home, Attleboro, Mass.
- 1—Pondville Hospital, Norfolk, Mass.
- 1—N.E. Medical Center, Boston, Mass.
- 1—Goddard Memorial Hospital, Stoughton, Mass.
- 2—St. Elizabeth Hospital, Brighton, Mass.
- 1—Brockton Hospital, Brockton, Mass.
- 1—Green Pastures Nursing Home, Middleboro, Mass.
- 1—Lakeville Hospital, Lakeville, Mass.
- 12—Ambulance Not Needed.
- 1—Needless Call.
- 1—D.O.A.
- 24—Oxygen Used.
- 156—Patients Handled.

I again wish to thank the members of the Dighton Fire Department who have manned the Ambulance during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH T. WHITE,

Chief of the Fire Department

REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my report for the Fiscal Year—January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974—in the following schedules:

Balance Sheet—General Accounts

Receipts of General Cash

Disbursements of General Cash

Statement of Appropriations—General Accounts

Analysis of Surplus Revenue and Free Cash

Trust and Investment Accounts

Balance Sheet—Federal Revenue Sharing Funds

Receipts and Disbursements of Federal Revenue Sharing
Funds

Statement of Appropriations—Federal Revenue Sharing
Funds

There is a temporary loan in anticipation of State reimbursement in the amount of \$14,569.00 outstanding as of June 30, 1974.

Free Cash as certified by the Bureau of Accounts is \$244,930.00.

Respectfully submitted,

DORIS B. HOPKINS,
Town Accountant

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

| ASSETS | | LIABILITIES & RESERVES | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Cash | | Reserve for Petty Cash Advance | \$ 23.00 |
| On hand and in banks | | Sale of Real Estate | 500.00 |
| Petty Cash Advance | | | |
| Accounts Receivable | | Overlays Reserved for Abatements | |
| Levy of 1972 | \$ 2,151.73 | Levy of 1972 | 2,194.63 |
| Real Estate | 42.90 | Levy of 1973/74 | 30,755.25 |
| Personal Property | | | 32,949.88 |
| | | | |
| Levy of 1973/74 | | Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus | 140,260.34 |
| Real Estate | 30,174.50 | | |
| Personal Property | 580.75 | Revenue Reserved Until Collected | |
| | | Taxes in Litigation | 7,757.40 |
| Taxes in Litigation | | Tax Title & Possession | 6,539.20 |
| Motor Vehicle Excise | | Motor Vehicle Excise | 56,812.31 |
| Levy of 1970 | 79.28 | Departmental | 1,496.50 |
| Levy of 1971 | 682.38 | Aid to Highways | 43,528.71 |
| Levy of 1972 | 3,703.75 | | 116,134.12 |
| Levy of 1973 | 10,253.68 | Receipts Reserved for Appropriation | |
| Levy of 1974 | 42,093.22 | Road Machinery | 152.00 |
| | | | |
| Tax Titles & Possessions | | Tailings | |
| Tax Titles | 762.91 | Unclaimed checks | 714.81 |
| Tax Possessions | 5,776.29 | | |
| | | Overestimates | |
| Departmental Accounts Receivable | | State & County Assessments | 2,153.68 |
| Veterans Benefits | 469.45 | State Recreation Areas | 112.37 |
| Div. of Sanatoria & TB | 1,027.05 | Mosquito Control | 6,117.66 |
| | | County Tax | |
| | | | 8,383.71 |

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|-----------------------------------|--------------|--|-----------------|
| Aid to Highways State & County | 58,097.71 | Payroll Deductions | |
| Underestimates | | Teachers Retirement | 320.55 |
| State Taxes & Assessments | | Tax Sheltered Annuities | 851.42 |
| Air Pollution Control | 1.44 | Teachers Income Protection | 182.47 |
| Revenue 1974/75 | 1,999,029.90 | Group Insurance | 2,424.82 |
| | | Group Ins./direct payment | 95.36 |
| | | | <hr/> 3,874.62 |
| | | Agency | |
| | | Sale of Dogs | 36.00 |
| | | Dog Licenses | 268.60 |
| | | | <hr/> 304.60 |
| | | Appropriation Balances | |
| | | Land Use Study | 4,000.00 |
| | | Professional Services/ Conservation | 2,940.00 |
| | | Revaluation | 2,386.51 |
| | | Chapter 81 Maint. | 10,509.63 |
| | | Chapter 90 Construction | 10,391.83 |
| | | Williams St.—land taking | 5,023.92 |
| | | Maple St. layout | 695.00 |
| | | Hart St. extension | 5,000.00 |
| | | Maple St. construction | 1,977.63 |
| | | School—encumbered payroll | 27,138.70 |
| | | School Needs Study | 2,042.84 |
| | | Public library heater | 2,011.00 |
| | | Recreation building | 310.86 |
| | | Reimb. for education courses | 32.68 |
| | | | <hr/> 74,460.60 |

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|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------|
| Revolving Funds | | | |
| School lunch | 3,925.72 | | |
| School—Industrial Arts | 1,127.34 | | |
| Gasoline | 604.83 | | 5,657.89 |
| Federal Grants | | | |
| School—Title I | 1,511.16 | | |
| School—Title III | 911.70 | | 2,422.86 |
| Temporary Loan—Chapter 81 Maint. | | 14,569.00 | |
| Appropriation Control 1974-75 | | 2,086,270.70 | |
| SURPLUS REVENUE | | 277,880.69 | |
| Local Aid Transportation Program | | | |
| Chapter 1140 Section 22 | | 10,424.80 | |
| Chapter 1140 Section 20 | | 35,091.00 | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$2,810,074.62 | | |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | | \$2,810,074.62 | |

RECEIPTS OF GENERAL CASH

Fiscal Year 1-1-73 to 6-30-74

TAXES

REAL ESTATE

| | | | |
|-----------------------|----|--------------|----------------|
| 1970 | \$ | 149.37 | |
| 1971 | | 3,415.93 | |
| 1972 | | 19,279.72 | |
| 1973/74 commitment #1 | | 1,199,147.60 | |
| 1973/74 commitment #2 | | 603,244.10 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$1,825,236.72 |

PERSONAL PROPERTY

| | | | |
|-----------------------|--|------------|------------|
| 1971 | | 612.00 | |
| 1972 | | 672.10 | |
| 1973/74 commitment #1 | | 184,788.83 | |
| 1973/74 commitment #2 | | 82,788.16 | |
| | | <hr/> | 268,861.09 |

MOTOR VEHICLE

| | | | |
|------|--|------------|------------|
| 1969 | | 16.50 | |
| 1970 | | 88.55 | |
| 1971 | | 1,912.58 | |
| 1972 | | 66,616.90 | |
| 1973 | | 130,957.24 | |
| 1974 | | 9,684.71 | |
| | | <hr/> | 209,276.48 |

INTEREST ON TAXES

| | | | |
|-------------------|--|----------|----------|
| Real Estate | | 2,556.94 | |
| Personal Property | | 120.07 | |
| Motor Vehicle | | 197.37 | |
| | | <hr/> | 2,874.38 |

TAX TITLE REDEMPTIONS

2,251.64

INTEREST ON TAX TITLES

273.16

LOW VALUE FORECLOSURE

644.69

DEPARTMENTAL REVENUE

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Dighton-Berkley Bridge | 381.82 | |
| Veterans Benefits | 10,562.47 | |
| Board of Health/soil tests | 1,010.00 | |
| Off Duty Work Details | | |
| Police | 28,810.00 | |
| School | 269.34 | |
| Fire | 30.00 | |
| Street Dept. | 385.55 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 41,449.18 |

AID TO HIGHWAYS

| | | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|
| State | | |
| Chapter 81 Maint. M/A #9174 | 14,423.00 | |
| Chapter 81 Maint. M/A #9357 | 14,569.00 | |
| Chapter 1140 Section 20 | 40,091.00 | |
| Chapter 1140 Section 22 | 66,818.00 | |
| County | | |
| Chapter 90 Construction M/A #25311 | 500.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 136,401.00 |

COUNTY OF BRISTOL

| | | |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|
| Dog Fund | 2,046.96 | |
| Care & Boarding of Dogs | 2,004.00 | |
| Court Fines | 768.00 | |
| Parking Fines | 85.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 4,903.96 |

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts | 35,557.98 | |
| Schools | 48,024.42 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 83,582.40 |

JUNIOR HIGH/Industrial Arts

1,684.27

PROCEEDS—DOG LICENSES

3,515.30

REFUNDS & RECOVERIES

| | |
|----------------------------------|--------|
| Tax Title Dighton Water District | 14.95 |
| 1973 Real Estate Tax | 250.50 |

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|--------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Petty Cash/Council on Aging | 25.00 | |
| Insurance claims | 813.22 | |
| Cafeteria payroll check | 19.40 | |
| Refund interest on loan | 308.49 | |
| Reimbursement for checks | 243.42 | |
| Veterans Benefits | 172.50 | |
| Town Treasurer | 183.65 | |
| Group insurance dividend | 4,251.29 | |
| Group insurance refund | 164.60 | |
| Recycled paper | 302.88 | |
| Library refund | 5.94 | |
| School Dept. refund | 18.40 | |
| Gasoline Acct. | 2.88 | |
| Broken window | 4.25 | |
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| | | 6,781.37 |
| AGENCY ACCOUNTS | | |
| County Retirement | 21,773.52 | |
| Federal Tax | 185,109.77 | |
| State Tax | 52,268.38 | |
| Teachers Retirement | 38,406.44 | |
| Teachers Income Protection | 1,992.32 | |
| Tax Sheltered Annuities | 10,357.76 | |
| Dues | | |
| Police & Street Dept. | 1,059.00 | |
| Teachers | 4,209.40 | |
| Deferred Compensation | 1,363.98 | |
| Collector's Fees | 902.00 | |
| Sale of dogs | 66.00 | |
| Contributory Group Insurance | | |
| Employee deductions | 23,597.18 | |
| Receipts for grp. ins. | 2,222.60 | |
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| | | 343,328.35 |
| INCOME FROM TRUST FUNDS | | |
| Charles Chase—School Fund | 35.00 | |
| Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund | 245.00 | |
| Cemeteries Perpetual Care | 505.50 | |
| 200th Anniversary Fund | 9.35 | |
| | | 794.85 |

TEMPORARY LOANS

| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Anticipation of Revenue | 500,000.00 | |
| Anticipation of Reimbursement (Chp. 81—Highway) | 14,569.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 514,569.00 |

INVESTMENT OF GENERAL CASH

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| Matured | 1,500,000.00 | |
| Interest earned | 14,278.54 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,514,278.54 |

LICENSES, PERMITS, FEES

| | |
|-------------------------------|----------|
| Gravel | 220.00 |
| Building | 2,244.00 |
| Oyster Bed | 130.00 |
| Gasoline storage | 6.00 |
| Sausage | 10.00 |
| Sanitation | 500.00 |
| Rubbish & Garbage | 8.00 |
| Plumbing | 1,571.00 |
| Auction | 42.00 |
| Hearings | 469.93 |
| Land Court | 6.46 |
| Electrical | 1,074.00 |
| Common Victualler/All Alcohol | 3,000.00 |
| Common Victualler/Food | 65.00 |
| Denatured Alcohol | 5.00 |
| Class I M/V | 20.00 |
| Class II M/V | 75.00 |
| Class III M/V | 20.00 |
| All Alcohol Package Store | 600.00 |
| Gas renewal | 8.00 |
| Package Store B & W | 200.00 |
| Lord's Day | 125.00 |
| Food Service | 75.50 |
| Temporary B & W | 93.00 |
| Milk Vehicle | 24.00 |
| Milk Store | 18.00 |
| Oleo | 5.00 |
| Camp & cabin | 2.00 |

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|-----------------|----------|-----------|
| Raffle | 120.00 | |
| Pistol permits | 1,162.00 | |
| F.I.D. cards | 128.00 | |
| License to sell | 40.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 12,066.89 |

MISCELLANEOUS

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------|----------|
| Town coins | 26.00 | |
| Town booklets | 22.00 | |
| Town histories | 165.00 | |
| Historical maps | 1.00 | |
| School sanitary fund | 22.20 | |
| Road Machinery | 2,088.80 | |
| Surplus Property | 832.30 | |
| Library fines | 95.91 | |
| Zoning booklets & by-laws | 133.00 | |
| Liquor I.D. | 14.00 | |
| Street listings & maps | 53.05 | |
| Photocopies | 28.30 | |
| Rental of fuel tanks | 450.00 | |
| Toll calls | 14.59 | |
| Cert. of municipal liens | 120.00 | |
| Storage | 174.00 | |
| Insurance reports | 281.00 | |
| Bicentennial Committee | 111.00 | |
| Christmas Fund | 315.25 | |
| T.G.A.I. Office expense | 500.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 5,447.40 |

TAILINGS

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|------------------|--------|
| Unclaimed checks | 165.87 |
|------------------|--------|

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

| | |
|-------------------------------|------------|
| School Aid Chp. 70 | 448,108.27 |
| Spec. Education Chp. 69 & 71 | 25,681.00 |
| School Trans. Chp. 71 | 41,971.79 |
| Outside School Trans. Chp. 74 | 49.00 |
| Public Libraries | 3,500.26 |
| State Ward tuition & trans. | 2,739.06 |
| Reg. School District Chp. 71 | 44,560.70 |

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|---------------------------|-----------|------------|
| Tuition Chp. 74 | 1,245.00 | |
| Handicapped Chp. 58-18A | 384.84 | |
| Census Chp. 812 | 1,185.75 | |
| Machinery Basis | 38,538.92 | |
| Loss of Taxes Chp. 58S 8A | 743.60 | |
| Local Aid Fund—lottery | 25,380.81 | |
| Disabled Vets Chp. 59-5 | 2,813.80 | |
| Gas Tax Chp. 81-31 | 18,612.74 | |
| Misc. | 117.49 | |
| | <hr/> | 655,633.03 |

FEDERAL GRANTS

| | | |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Title I | 16,772.00 | |
| Title II | 1,405.05 | |
| Title III | 869.75 | |
| | <hr/> | 19,046.80 |

TRANSFERS

| | |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| From Federal Revenue Sharing Funds | |
| For Police Dept. Appropriation | 35,000.00 |

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| TOTAL RECEIPTS GENERAL CASH | <hr/> | \$5,688,066.37 |
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| CASH BALANCE 1/1/73 | | 282,064.42 |
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| | <hr/> | \$5,970,130.79 |
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DISBURSEMENTS OF GENERAL CASH

Fiscal Year 1-1-73 to 6-30-74

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Salaries | \$ 4,800.00 | |
| Telephone | 537.71 | |
| Supplies, printing, postage | 438.44 | |
| Dues, meetings, travel | 844.50 | |
| Building Inspector | 2,059.25 | |
| Misc. | 46.97 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 8,726.87 |

Town Accountant

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Salary | 9,760.00 | |
| Assistant | 37.50 | |
| Supplies, printing, postage | 396.97 | |
| Dues, meetings, mileage | 115.40 | |
| Bindings | 61.21 | |
| Equipment service | 49.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 10,419.98 |

Town Clerk

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Salary | 3,600.00 | |
| Clerical salary | 3,454.00 | |
| Supplies, printing, postage | 444.23 | |
| Telephone | 175.00 | |
| Equipment service | 165.50 | |
| Dues, meetings, mileage | 443.11 | |
| | <hr/> | 8,281.84 |

Town Collector

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Salary | 5,400.00 | |
| Assistant salary | 3,887.00 | |
| Supplies, printing, postage | 2,842.95 | |
| Telephone | 441.07 | |
| Dues, meetings, mileage | 129.73 | |
| Equipment service | 200.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 12,900.75 |

Town Treasurer

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Salary | 3,500.00 | |
| Assistant salary | 2,972.00 | |
| Supplies, printing, postage | 1,055.26 | |
| Telephone | 175.00 | |
| Dues, meetings mileage | 153.80 | |
| Equipment service | 336.02 | |
| Misc. | 24.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 8,216.08 |

Assessors

| | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Salaries | 10,872.50 | |
| Clerical salary | 5,012.10 | |
| Telephone | 287.38 | |
| Supplies, printing, postage | 1,125.68 | |
| Dues, meetings, mileage | 924.23 | |
| Equipment service | 351.82 | |
| Transfers from Registry | 175.39 | |
| Revise & update maps | 1,300.00 | |
| Data processing | 203.96 | |
| Misc. & binding | 190.25 | |
| | <hr/> | 20,443.31 |

Tax Title Expense 1,662.93

Finance Committee 45.00

Board of Appeals 308.65

Election & Registration

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Registrars | 750.00 | |
| Street listing | 2,222.22 | |
| Election workers | 503.00 | |
| Police & custodians | 274.50 | |
| Clerical expense | 85.00 | |
| Supplies, printing, postage | 507.07 | |
| | <hr/> | 4,341.79 |

Planning Board

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|
| Dues | 45.00 | |
| Assessment to SRPEDD | 1,050.08 | |
| Advertising | 53.55 | |
| Supplies, printing, postage | 191.11 | |
| Delegates expense | 36.00 | |
| Hearing expense | 28.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 1,403.74 |

Town Office Account

| | | |
|-----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Clerk typist salary | 8,476.00 | |
| Printing Town Report | 2,581.49 | |
| Advertising | 917.26 | |
| Supplies, printing, postage | 1,115.32 | |
| Equipment maintenance | 167.95 | |
| Purchase of copying machine | 1,295.00 | |
| Misc. & repairs | 319.70 | |
| Moderator salary | 150.00 | |
| Tree Warden salary | 150.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 15,172.72 |

Town Counsel

| | |
|-----------------------|-----------|
| Legal fees, reference | 11,245.00 |
|-----------------------|-----------|

Conservation Commission

293.45

Land Use Study

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|--------------------|----------|
| Article 17—TM 1973 | 1,000.00 |
|--------------------|----------|

Professional Services—Conservation Commission

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|--------------------|-------|
| Article 18—TM 1973 | 60.00 |
|--------------------|-------|

Tax Titles Due Districts

| | | |
|------------------------|--------|--------|
| Dighton Electric Light | 5.61 | |
| Dighton Water | 262.78 | |
| North Dighton Fire | 111.25 | |
| | <hr/> | 379.64 |

Revaluation

6,427.49

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY**Police Department**

| | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Salaries | 95,417.07 | |
| Shift differential | 1,105.30 | |
| Extra duty | 16,977.66 | |
| Secretary/Policewoman | 5,542.00 | |
| Course allow. & longevity | 1,000.00 | |
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| | 120,042.03 | |
| Clothing allowance | 1,483.66 | |
| Dues, meetings, mileage | 308.45 | |
| Gas & oil | 5,177.31 | |
| Supplies, printing, postage | 745.59 | |
| Lock-up fees | 141.50 | |
| Equipment & supplies | 4,893.56 | |
| Misc. | 1,328.54 | |
| Total | <hr/> | 134,120.64** |

**35,000.00 of this amount transferred from
Federal Revenue Sharing Funds

Off Duty Work Details

| | | |
|--------|-----------|-----------|
| Police | 29,046.00 | |
| Fire | 30.00 | |
| School | 327.34 | |
| | <hr/> | 29,403.34 |

Electrical Inspector 758.00

Ambulance

| | | |
|----------------|----------|----------|
| Wages | 2,377.50 | |
| Supplies | 89.47 | |
| Gasoline & oil | 153.32 | |
| Repairs | 414.06 | |
| Laundry | 25.40 | |
| New equipment | 118.40 | |
| Snow tires | 38.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 3,216.15 |

Fire Department

| | | | |
|------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Salaries & wages | | 17,697.00 | |
| Buildings | | | |
| Utilities | 3,635.59 | | |
| Repairs | 2,158.35 | 5,793.94 | |
| Telephones | | 570.41 | |
| Radios | | 509.07 | |
| Truck repair | | 1,380.90 | |
| Gasoline & oil | | 1,198.68 | |
| Office | | 341.81 | |
| Dues & meetings | | 260.00 | |
| Training | | 45.00 | |
| Fire Prevention | | 95.50 | |
| Hose & equipment | | 6,278.34 | |
| | | <hr/> | 34,170.65 |

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|-----------------------|--|--|----------|
| Hydrant Rental | | | 2,610.00 |
|-----------------------|--|--|----------|

Dog Officer

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|---------|--|----------|----------|
| Salary | | 750.00 | |
| Expense | | 1,717.26 | |
| | | <hr/> | 2,467.26 |

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|--------------------------|--|--|----------|
| Care of Town Elms | | | 2,471.50 |
|--------------------------|--|--|----------|

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|----------------------------|--|--|--------|
| Insect Pest Control | | | 757.50 |
|----------------------------|--|--|--------|

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|---------------------------|--|--|--------|
| Shade Tree Account | | | 983.80 |
|---------------------------|--|--|--------|

Civil Defense

| | | | |
|---------------------|--|----------|----------|
| Director's salary | | 900.00 | |
| Telephone | | 122.60 | |
| Equipment & repairs | | 459.87 | |
| Mileage | | 0.00 | |
| Electricity & Fuel | | 91.00 | |
| Surplus Property | | 1,059.70 | |
| Office supplies | | 36.00 | |
| | | <hr/> | 2,669.17 |

Communication Center

| | | |
|------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Salaries | 24,956.75 | |
| Telephones | 2,295.97 | |
| Supplies & misc. | 222.64 | |
| | <hr/> | 27,475.36 |

1971 Police Cruiser Account 64.50

1972 Police Cruiser Account 25.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION**Board of Health**

| | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Salaries | 3,000.00 | |
| Animal Inspector | 375.00 | |
| Clinic expense | 1,044.54 | |
| T.B. board & care | 1,760.85 | |
| Nursing Service (T.V.N.A.) | 778.13 | |
| Supplies & misc. | 390.08 | |
| Recording vital statistics | 381.00 | |
| Sanitation Inspector | 1,800.00 | |
| Plumbing Inspector | 1,563.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 11,092.60 |

Care of Town Dump

| | | |
|-------------|-----------|-----------|
| Wages | 3,354.00 | |
| Maintenance | 13,575.94 | |
| Recycling | 69.57 | |
| | <hr/> | 16,999.51 |

Rubbish Collection Contract 34,125.02

HIGHWAYS**Highway Department**

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----------|--|
| Wages | 80,988.13 | |
| Materials | 1,104.32 | |
| Equipment rental & equipment | 2,672.03 | |
| Street lights, traffic | 717.50 | |
| Supplies & repairs | 1,668.19 | |

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|---|-----------|------------|
| Signs—painting | 220.67 | |
| Traffic control | 513.27 | |
| Fencing & guardrails | 301.90 | |
| Removal of dead trees | 611.35 | |
| Snow Removal | | |
| Equipment | 3,098.40 | |
| Material | 2,984.38 | |
| Wages | 4,670.77 | 10,753.55 |
| Building | | |
| Utilities | 3,165.37 | |
| Telephone | 692.09 | |
| Supplies | 114.20 | 3,971.66 |
| Gravel Roads | | 3,043.13 |
| Mowing & misc. | | 753.00 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 107,318.70 |
| Road Machinery | | |
| Gasoline & oil | 4,787.35 | |
| Parts & repairs | 6,791.86 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 11,579.21 |
| Chapter 81 M/A #9540 | | |
| Labor | 2,384.00 | |
| Materials | 8,482.47 | |
| Equipment | 1,138.90 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 12,005.37 |
| Chapter 81 Maint. M/A #9357 | | |
| Labor | 6,635.40 | |
| Material | 12,653.28 | |
| Equipment | 3,226.30 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 22,514.98 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance M/A 27766 | | |
| Labor | 2,351.60 | |
| Material | 2,343.40 | |
| Equipment | 1,305.00 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 6,000.00 |
| Sidewalk Maintenance | | 1,495.46 |
| Brush Control | | 522.08 |

Dighton-Berkley Bridge

| | | |
|-----------------|-------|-------|
| Tender's salary | 0.00 | |
| Power | 16.00 | 16.00 |

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| Highway Sand Sweeper | 173.25 |
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|-----------------------|--------|
| Highway Sand Spreader | 299.00 |
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|---------------------------|----------|
| Maple Street Construction | 3,027.82 |
|---------------------------|----------|

VETERANS' SERVICES**Veterans' Benefits**

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Salary of Agent | 1,600.00 | |
| Cash, medical & fuel | 34,251.18 | |
| Travel, dues, meetings | 120.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 35,971.18 |

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|-------------------------------------|--------|
| Veterans' Benefits—prior year bills | 164.00 |
|-------------------------------------|--------|

SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES**School Dept.**

| | |
|---------------------|------------|
| General Control | 43,978.65 |
| Teachers salaries | 820,168.87 |
| Janitors salaries | 43,580.91 |
| Health | 13,085.33 |
| Food Service salary | 2,400.00 |
| Transportation | 103,364.12 |
| Books & Library | 12,661.96 |
| Utilities | 31,435.31 |
| Janitors Supplies | 3,630.80 |
| Supplies | 16,485.22 |
| Staff expense | 1,445.25 |
| New Equipment | 13,860.71 |
| Repairs & Maint. | 18,996.35 |
| Household Arts | 553.71 |
| Industrial Arts | 1,535.89 |

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|--|-----------|--------------|
| Audio-visual | 1,023.13 | |
| Tuition AM & PM | 3,489.50 | |
| Music | 1,377.63 | |
| Programs w/other systems | 10,992.63 | |
| Misc. | 1,178.48 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 1,145,244.45 |
| Cafeteria | | |
| Salary | 30,131.34 | |
| Food | 50,739.01 | |
| Pest Control | 64.00 | |
| Misc. | 301.95 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 81,236.30 |
| Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District | | 797,568.73 |
| Title I Funds | | 15,260.84 |
| Title II Funds | | 1,405.05 |
| School Study Needs | | 6,105.66 |
| Industrial Arts Account | | 873.51 |
| School Dept.—Prior years bills | | 73.76 |
| Public Library | | |
| Study | 4,950.00 | |
| Custodian | 390.00 | |
| Magazines & books | 2,317.32 | |
| Utilities | 687.36 | |
| Telephone | 206.03 | |
| Assistant | 300.00 | |
| Repairs | 709.35 | |
| Supplies, postage | 58.68 | |
| Dues & meetings | 107.54 | |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | 9,726.28 |
| Relocatable Classrooms | | 24,696.50 |
| Junior High School Emergency Repairs | | 9,342.28 |

RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED**Playground & Recreation**

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Care of Grounds | 904.00 | |
| Maintenance of playgrounds | 1,989.70 | |
| Operating expense Recreation Center | 1,407.80 | |
| Blacktopping South Playground | 973.50 | |
| Electrical expense | 469.38 | |
| Summer Program | 438.19 | |
| Instructor's salaries | 800.00 | |
| New equipment | 3,136.28 | 10,118.85 |

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|--------------------------------|--|--------|
| Memorial Day Observance | | 398.38 |
|--------------------------------|--|--------|

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| Christmas Fund | | 315.25 |
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| Reimbursement for Educational Courses | | 406.43 |
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Civic Center

| | | |
|---------------|--------|--------|
| Light & water | 75.01 | |
| Fuel | 679.43 | 754.44 |

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|--------------------------------------|--|--------|
| Veterans Building Maintenance | | 900.00 |
|--------------------------------------|--|--------|

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|-------------------------|--|-----------|
| Gasoline Account | | 10,024.09 |
|-------------------------|--|-----------|

Contributory Group Insurance

Appropriated

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Boston Mutual Life | 1,423.24 | |
| OME Standard | 2,105.95 | |
| Blue Cross/Blue Shield | 21,323.84 | 24,853.03 |

Employee Deductions

| | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Boston Mutual Life | 1,281.56 | |
| OME Standard | 1,305.60 | |
| Blue Cross/Blue Shield | 20,096.10 | 22,683.26 |

Receipts for Group Insurance

| | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|
| Boston Mutual Life | 109.48 | |
| Blue Cross/Blue Shield | 2,124.32 | 2,233.80 |

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|---|-----------|------------|
| Cemeteries—Public Property | | 1,200.00 |
| State Pension Reimbursement | | 1,802.99 |
| Town Insurance | | |
| Vehicle coverage | 6,945.10 | |
| Comp. fire & theft | 778.11 | |
| Workmens Comp. | 7,887.41 | |
| Comp. General Liability | 5,845.00 | |
| Bonds | 860.00 | |
| Fire | 17,698.00 | |
| Firemen & Policemen | 4,234.52 | |
| Robbery & burglary | 728.00 | |
| Boilers | 370.84 | |
| | <hr/> | 45,346.98 |
| State & County Taxes and Assessments | | |
| County Retirement Assessment | 32,955.00 | |
| County Tax | 78,257.25 | |
| State Recreation Areas | 14,732.68 | |
| State Audit of Accounts | 393.22 | |
| State Air Pollution Control | 99.63 | |
| State Mosquito Control | 4,068.15 | |
| State M/V Excise Bills | 497.55 | |
| State Assessment System | 189.72 | |
| | <hr/> | 131,193.20 |
| Insurance Reimbursement Account | | 113.50 |
| Estimated Receipts | | |
| Refund interest on taxes | | 13.75 |
| 200th Anniversary Celebration | | |
| Appropriated funds invested | 100.00 | |
| Expenses | 9.35 | |
| | <hr/> | 109.35 |
| Council on Aging | | 937.59 |

AGENCY & TRUST—REFUNDS & TRANSFERS**Trust Funds**

| | | |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|
| Charles Chace—School Funds | 35.00 | |
| J. Bliss—Cemetery Fund | 245.00 | |
| Cemeteries Perpetual Care | 493.00 | 773.00 |

Agency Accounts

| | | |
|----------------------------|------------|------------|
| County Retirement | 21,773.52 | |
| Federal Tax | 185,109.77 | |
| State Tax | 52,268.38 | |
| Teachers Retirement | 38,085.89 | |
| Teachers Income Protection | 1,809.85 | |
| Tax Sheltered Annuities | 9,506.34 | |
| Union Dues—Street & Police | 1,059.00 | |
| Union Dues—Teachers | 4,209.40 | |
| Deferred Compensation | 1,363.98 | |
| Sale of Dogs | 39.00 | |
| Dog Licenses | 3,246.70 | |
| Collector's Fees | 902.00 | |
| | <hr/> | 319,373.83 |

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|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Tax Anticipation Loan | 500,000.00 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|

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|--|-----------------|
| Interest on Tax Anticipation Loan | 9,943.57 |
|--|-----------------|

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|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Investment of General Cash | 1,500,000.00 |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|

Refunds

| | |
|------------------------------|----------|
| 1971 Motor Vehicle | 293.70 |
| 1972 Motor Vehicle | 2,280.90 |
| 1973 Motor Vehicle | 1,978.34 |
| 1972 Real Estate | 440.80 |
| 1973 Real Estate (commit #1) | 3,449.52 |
| 1973 Real Estate (commit #2) | 5,265.62 |

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|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| 1970 Personal Property | 5,854.80 | |
| 1971 Personal Property | 6,473.60 | |
| 1972 Personal Property | 6,806.80 | |
| 1973 Personal Property | 10,000.00 | |
| | | <hr/> 42,844.08 |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | <hr/> \$5,333,699.02 |
| Less transfers within accounts | | 10,935.51 |
| | | <hr/> |
| TOTAL CASH DISBURSEMENTS | | \$5,322,763.51 |
| CASH BALANCE 6/30/74 | | 647,367.28 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | <hr/> \$5,970,130.79 |

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973-74

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| | Balance 1/1/73 | Appropriations 1/1/73-6/30/74 | Receipts & Transfers | Total | Expended 1/1/73-6/30/74 | Transfers | Balance 6/30/74 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT | | | | | | | |
| Selectmen | \$10,125.00 | | | \$10,125.00 | \$8,726.87 | \$1,398.13 | |
| Town Accountant | 11,560.00 | | | 11,560.00 | 10,419.98 | 1,140.02 | |
| Town Clerk | 8,479.00 | | | 8,479.00 | 8,281.84 | 197.16 | |
| Town Collector | 12,557.00 | | \$480.00* | 13,037.00 | 12,900.75 | 136.25 | |
| Town Treasurer | 8,222.00 | | 183.65 | 8,405.65 | 8,216.08 | 189.57 | |
| Tax Title Account | 2,550.00 | | | 2,550.00 | 1,662.93 | 887.07 | |
| Tax Possession Account | 150.00 | | | 150.00 | | 150.00 | |
| Assessors | 21,054.00 | | 300.00 | 21,354.00 | 20,743.31 | 610.69 | |
| Finance Committee | 55.00 | | | 55.00 | 45.00 | 10.00 | |
| Election & Registration | 5,150.00 | | | 5,150.30 | 4,341.79 | 808.21 | |
| Planning Board | 16,035.00 | | | 16,035.00 | 1,403.74 | 14,631.26 | |
| Board of Appeals | 450.00 | | | 450.00 | 308.65 | 141.35 | |
| Town Office | 16,097.00 | | | 16,097.00 | 15,172.72 | 924.28 | |
| Industrial Commission | 300.00 | | | 300.00 | | 300.00 | |
| Conservation Commission | 300.00 | | | 300.00 | 293.45 | 6.55 | |
| Town Counsel | 7,500.00 | | 4,070.00* | 11,570.00 | 11,245.00 | 325.00 | |
| Land Use Study | 5,000.00 | | | 5,000.00 | 1,000.00 | | \$4,000.00 |
| Professional Services/Conservation Comm. | 3,000.00 | | | 3,000.00 | 60.00 | | 2,940.00 |
| Revaluation | 8,814.00 | | | 8,814.00 | 6,427.49 | | 2,386.51 |
| PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY | | | | | | | |
| Police Department | 98,292.09 | | 424.00 | 99,564.04 | 99,544.64 | 19.40 | |
| | | | 847.95* | 3,434.00 | 3,216.15 | 217.85 | |
| Town Ambulance | 3,434.00 | | | | | | |
| Fire Department | 34,437.63 | | | 34,437.63 | 34,170.65 | 266.98 | |

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| | Balance 1/1/73 | Appropriations 1/1/73-6/30/74 | Receipts & Transfers | Total | Expended 1/1/73-6/30/74 | Transfers | Balance 6/30/74 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Hydrant Rental | | 2,955.00 | | 2,955.00 | 2,610.00 | 345.00 | |
| Insect Pest Control | | 1,084.02 | | 1,084.02 | 757.50 | 326.52 | |
| Shade Tree Account | | 1,000.00 | | 1,000.00 | 983.80 | 16.20 | |
| Care of Town Elms | | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | 2,471.50 | 528.50 | |
| Civilian Defense | | 2,625.00 | 832.30 | 3,457.30 | 2,669.17 | 788.13 | |
| Dog Officer | | 3,000.00 | | 3,000.00 | 2,467.26 | 532.74 | |
| Electrical Inspector | | 2,250.00 | | 2,250.00 | 758.00 | 1,492.00 | |
| Communications Center | | 29,700.00 | | 29,700.00 | 27,475.36 | 2,224.64 | |
| HEALTH AND SANITATION | | | | | | | |
| Board of Health | | 13,180.00 | | 13,180.00 | 11,092.60 | 2,087.40 | |
| Care of Town Dump | | 18,450.00 | | 18,450.00 | 16,999.51 | 1,450.49 | |
| Rubbish & Garbage Collection | 7,583.36 | 28,541.64 | | 36,125.00 | 34,125.02 | 1,999.98 | |
| HIGHWAYS | | | | | | | |
| Highway Department | | 146,300.00 | | 146,300.00 | 107,318.70 | 38,981.30 | |
| Road Machinery | | 10,000.00 | 1,579.21* | 11,579.21 | 11,579.21 | | |
| Chapter 81 Maintenance | | 22,515.50 | | 22,515.50 | 22,514.98 | .52 | |
| Chapter 81 Maintenance | | 7,946.00 | 14,569.00** | 22,515.00 | 12,005.37 | | 10,509.63 |
| Chapter 90 Maintenance | | 6,000.00 | | 6,000.00 | 6,000.00 | | |
| Chapter 90 Construction | | 5,800.00 | | 5,800.00 | | | 5,800.00 |
| Brush Control | | 600.00 | | 600.00 | 522.08 | 77.92 | |
| Sidewalk Maintenance | | 1,500.00 | | 1,500.00 | 1,495.46 | 4.54 | |
| Dighton-Berkley Bridge | | 1,200.00 | | 1,200.00 | 16.00 | 1,184.00 | |
| VETERANS SERVICES | | | | | | | |
| Veterans Benefits | | 61,000.00 | 172.50 | 61,172.50 | 35,971.18 | 25,201.32 | |
| Veterans Benefits—Prior Year Bills | | 164.00 | | 164.00 | 164.00 | | |

| | Balance 1/1/73 | Appropriations 1/1/73-6/30/74 | Receipts & Transfers | Total | Expended 1/1/73-6/30/74 | Transfers | Balance 6/30/74 |
|---|-------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES | | | | | | | |
| School Department | | 1,202,693.54 | 2,041.82 | 1,204,735.36 | 1,147,286.27 | 27,138.70 30,310.39 | |
| Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District | | 797,568.73 | | 797,568.73 | 797,568.73 | | |
| Public Library | | 10,040.92 | | 10,040.92 | 9,726.28 | 314.64 | |
| School Dept.—Prior Year Bills | | 73.76 | | 73.76 | 73.76 | | |
| Two Relocatable Classrooms | | 25,000.00 | | 25,000.00 | 24,696.50 | 303.50 | |
| Junior High School Emergency Repairs | | 15,000.00 | | 15,000.00 | 9,342.28 | 5,657.72 | |
| RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED | | | | | | | |
| Playground & Recreation | | 10,229.00 | | 10,229.00 | 10,118.85 | 110.15 | |
| Memorial Day Observance | | 400.00 | | 400.00 | 398.38 | 1.62 | |
| Civic Center Maintenance | | 1,140.00 | | 1,140.00 | 754.44 | 385.56 | |
| Reserve Account Appropriated | | 20,000.00 | | 20,000.00 | | 8,935.25* | |
| | | | | | | 11,064.75 | |
| Contributory County Retirement | | 32,955.00 | | 32,955.00 | 32,955.00 | | |
| Town Insurance | | 43,412.10 | 1,934.88* | 45,346.98 | 45,346.98 | | |
| Contributory Group Insurance | | 30,000.00 | 82.30 | 30,082.30 | 24,853.03 | 5,229.27 | |
| Veterans Building Maintenance | | 900.00 | | 900.00 | 900.00 | | |
| State Pension Reimbursement | | 1,779.78 | 23.21* | 1,802.99 | 1,802.99 | | |
| Interest on Anticipation Loan | | 13,500.00 | 308.49 | 13,808.49 | 9,943.57 | 3,864.92 | |
| 200th Anniversary Celebration | | 100.00 | | 100.00 | 100.00 | | |
| Council on Aging | | 1,112.50 | 25.00 | 1,137.50 | 937.59 | 199.91 | |
| Cemeteries—Public Property | | 1,200.00 | | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 | | |
| Tax Title Foreclosure Acct. | (10.01) | 10.01 | | | | | |
| Veterans Benefits—1971 | (2,962.26) | 2,962.26 | | | | | |
| 4,611.09 | 2,852,450.48 | \$27,874.31 | \$2,884,935.88 | \$2,666,182.39 | \$193,117.35 | \$25,636.14 | |

* Reserve Fund Transfers

** Loan

ANALYSIS OF SURPLUS REVENUE

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Balance January 1, 1973 | \$ 98,683.52 |
| Audit corrections | 301.50 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 98,382.02 |
| Amount added 1/1/73 - 6/30/74 | 37,727.18 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 136,109.20 |
| Amount deducted 1/1/73 - 6/30/74 | 50,734.71 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 85,374.49 |
| 1973/74 Revenue | 192,506.20 |
| | <hr/> |
| Balance 6/30/74 | <u><u>\$277,880.69</u></u> |

FREE CASH

| | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|
| Surplus Revenue 6/30/74 | | \$277,880.00 |
| Less Uncollected Taxes | | |
| Levy of 1972 | \$ 2.194.00 | |
| Levy of 1973/74 | 30,755.00 | |
| Less Underestimates | | |
| State Taxes & Assesments | 1.00 | 32,950.00 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| Free Cash as Certified 7/1/74 | | <u><u>\$244,930.00</u></u> |

Town of Dighton

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

June 30, 1974

| | | |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Trust and Investment Funds: | | |
| Cash and Securities: | | |
| In Custody of Treasurer | | |
| | In Custody of Treasurer: | |
| | School Fund: | |
| | Charles S. Chase | \$ 1,370.94 |
| | Cemetery Funds: | |
| | Joshua Bliss | \$ 6,775.90 |
| | Perpetual Care | 12,651.28 |
| | Investment Funds: | |
| | 200th Anniversary | 207.04 |
| | Stabilization | 137,897.89 |
| | | 138,104.93 |
| | | <u>\$158,903.05</u> |

Town of Dighton

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

Balance Sheet

June 30, 1974

| | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | LIABILITIES & RESERVES |
| Cash | \$ 96,004.41 | Appropriation Control |
| Transfers from P.L. 92-512 authorized | 95,084.00 | Appropriation Balances |
| | | Fire Truck |
| | | 34,000.00 |
| | | Revaluation |
| | | 1,653.00 |
| | | FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS |
| | | P.L. 92-512 |
| | | 60,351.41 |
| | | <u>\$191,088.41</u> |

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1973-74

| | Appropriations 1/1/73-6/30/74 | Expended 1/1/73-6/30/74 | Transfer to P.L. 92-512 | Balance 6/30/74 |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Police Department | \$35,000.00 | \$35,000.00 | | |
| New 1974 Fire Truck | 34,000.00 | | | 34,000.00 |
| Police Cruiser w/accessories & equipment | 4,200.00 | 4,027.46 | \$172.54 | |
| Highway Truck w/accessories & equipment | 7,500.00 | 7,461.21 | 38.79 | |
| Repairs to Highway Garage Roof | 3,500.00 | 3,495.00 | 5.00 | |
| Revaluation | 16,186.00 | 14,533.00 | | 1,653.00 |
| Maple Street Construction | 5,000.00 | 5,000.00 | | |
| | \$105,386.00 | \$69,516.67 | \$216.33 | \$35,653.00 |

FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---------------------|
| Federal Reserve Sharing Funds P.L. 92-512 | \$123,920.00 |
| Invested Funds Matured | 833,368.10 |
| Interest on Invested Funds | 5,232.98 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Cash Received | <u>\$962,521.08</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|--|---------------------|
| Police Department | \$ 35,000.00 |
| Police Cruiser | 4,027.46 |
| Highway Truck | 7,461.21 |
| Repairs—Highway Garage Roof | 3,495.00 |
| Revaluation | 14,533.00 |
| Maple Street Construction | 5,000.00 |
| Federal Revenue Sharing Funds Invested | 797,000.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Total Cash Disbursements | \$866,516.67 |
| Cash Balance 6/30/74 | 96,004.41 |
| | <hr/> |
| | <u>\$962,521.08</u> |

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1974

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

| | Term Expires |
|--|--------------|
| Charles E. McKenna, Chairman 2136 Pleasant St., Dighton | 1975 |
| Mrs. M. Louise Staples, Secretary 543 Center St., N. Dighton | 1975 |
| Mrs. Marilyn Lopes, Financial Secretary 519 Old Somerset Ave., N. Dighton | 1977 |
| Henry Descoteaux 316 Forest St., N. Dighton | 1977 |
| Maynard F. Horton, Jr. 251 Walker St., N. Dighton | 1967 |
| Robert S. McConville 860 Prospect St., N. Dighton | 1977 |
| Nicholas Santore Rebecca Rd., N. Dighton | 1976 |

SUPERINTENDENT

Robert T. Roy, B.S., Ed.M.

Residence: 313 Forest Street, North Dighton

Office: Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School, Dighton

Telephone: (Office) 252-4500, 252-6833
(Home) 822-7323

OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. and by
appointment.

ADMINISTRATOR OF BUSINESS

James P. Horton

OFFICE STAFF

Nancy J. Goulart, Office Manager

Joan M. Reed, Secretary

Anne H. McLean, Secretary

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Charles M. Souza, M.D.

SCHOOL NURSE

Carolyn M. Booth, R.N.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. Kindergarten registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least five years of age or who will become five years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a birth certificate.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a doctor's certificate of immunization against small-pox, diptheria, tetanus, whooping cough, measles and polio or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable. Children entering school for the first time are required to have a physical examination also.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary, Junior High School and Kindergarten

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school, the notice will be broadcast over Radio Stations WPEP, Taunton, WSAR, Fall River, WPRO, Providence, and WARA, Attleboro.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated, there will be school at the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing, the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended

or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Approved by School Committee

1974 - 1975

DIGHTON

Dighton Elementary and Junior High Schools

School Opens September 4, 1974

Closes December 20, 1974 73 days

School Opens January 6, 1975

Closes February 14, 1975 29 days

School Opens February 24, 1975

Closes April 18, 1975 39 days

School Opens April 28, 1975

Closes June, 1975 39 days

Total 180 days

SCHOOL WILL CLOSE ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

October 14, 1974—Columbus Day

October 28, 1974—Veteran's Day

November 6, 1974—Teachers' Convention

November 28 and 29, 1974—Thanksgiving Recess

January 15, 1975—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

March 28, 1975—Good Friday

May 26, 1975—Memorial Day

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| Appropriation 1-1-73 thru 6-30-74 | | \$1,202,693.54 |
| General Control | \$ 42,439.19 | |
| Transportation | 80,540.72 | |
| Teachers' Salaries | 738,589.02 | |
| Books | 10,437.97 | |
| Supplies | 17,287.50 | |
| Janitors' Salaries | 43,580.91 | |
| Fuel | 17,846.42 | |
| Electricity | 11,622.19 | |
| Gas | 1,108.61 | |
| Music | 1,413.63 | |
| Janitors' Supplies | 4,651.47 | |
| Miscellaneous | 4,002.61 | |
| Repairs | 17,624.70 | |
| Health | 11,549.42 | |
| New Equipment | 13,008.31 | |
| Household Arts | 553.71 | |
| Industrial Arts | 1,535.89 | |
| Tuition—Day & Evening | 3,554.10 | |
| Programs With Other Districts | 6,854.17 | |
| Kindergarten | 32,763.38 | |
| Special Education | 84,280.53 | |
| Encumbered Payrolls | 27,138.70 | |
| | <hr/> | \$1,172,383.15 |
| Returned to Town | | 30,310.39 |
| | | <hr/> |
| | | \$1,202,693.54 |

NET COST TO TOWN

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------------|
| Expenditures 1-1-73 thru 6-30-74 | \$1,172,383.15 |
|----------------------------------|----------------|

Receipts. 1-1-73 thru 6-30-74:

| | |
|-------------------------------|---------------|
| General State Aid, Ch. 70 | \$448,108.27 |
| Transportation, Ch. 71 | 41,971.79 |
| Sp. Ed., Ch. 69 & 71 | 25,681.00 |
| State Wards, Tuition & Trans. | 2,739.06 |
| Vocational Ed., Ch. 74 | 1,294.00 |
| Miscellaneous Receipts | 52.65 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$ 519,846.77 |

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|------------------|---------------|
| Net Cost to Town | \$ 652,536.38 |
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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my twentieth annual report as superintendent of schools in Dighton. Incorporated herein are the reports of the principals and the school nurse.

Space and Enrollment

With the passing of Chapter 766 in the legislature, the need for more space to conduct special programs increased. At the elementary school the supply closet was moved to the locker room so that the closet could be made into a resource room. This did not meet all the needs so it was necessary to divide the library into three small temporary resource rooms to avoid using the hallways and the stage area. Enrollment at the elementary school increased by twenty pupils. This increase was brought about by the fourteen pupils entering grade one who did not attend public kindergarten in 1973. At the junior high school, space for special services was obtained by using the hearing room in the town office section. The stage area was closed off to the auditorium and combined with the two classrooms at the rear of the building to create an "open space" area for part of the sixth grade program. It has improved conditions in that area. There are six more pupils in the junior high school this year. The use of less than classroom space is getting us by but it is not producing the desired space to conduct a good school program. We still need space for library, science, art, music, shop, home economics, physical education and regular classrooms. The decline in building is helping us at present, but if the development of proposed housing areas takes place, we will be in real trouble with very little space left for temporary classrooms.

Personnel

There were only three changes in full time faculty over the summer. Mrs. Marilyn Bamberger moved to Maryland and she was replaced by Mrs. Carol Stafford, who had been

teaching kindergarten. Mrs. Louise Borges, an instructional aide in the kindergarten, replaced Mrs. Stafford. Mrs. Linda Carter was granted a leave of absence and she was replaced by Mrs. Valerie Stares, a former instructional aide in the second grade. At the junior high school, Mr. Louis Silvia was hired through C.E.T.A. to teach mathematics at the seventh grade level. He is a graduate of Bridgewater State College. Changes in the special services and physical education programs have created a shifting of personnel and the addition of several part time teachers.

The availability of teachers is still good and we have been able to hire some good teachers and instructional aides through the C.E.T.A. program.

Budget

The preliminary budget for the 1975-76 year shows an increase of \$75,143.00. Instruction represents the greatest increase, \$65,952.00, due to increased salaries, additional teachers, and rising cost of supplies. Special education has increased by \$24,392.00. This is in part due to the new law, Chapter 766, which demands programs for those who need them. We have also attempted to provide for some needs without the benefits of the law. We serve children with many needs such as learning disabilities, speech and hearing problems, and emotional difficulties. Transportation has increased due to cost of gasoline and wages. Building maintenance dropped by \$16,000.00 since a large sum was appropriated for this account last year for repairs at the junior high school. Fixed assets dropped by \$9,300.00 for the same reason as above. The increase in the budget is 8.19% which is in line with increased costs today.

School Administration

Last fall an attempt was made to have Berkley become a member of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District. A technicality in the agreement caused a postponement of the vote.

Recently the state department of education has filed a bill in the legislature to abolish school unions. Dighton is a

member of the administrative union consisting of Berkley, Dighton, Gosnold and Rehoboth. If this bill is passed, it will become effective in 1978 and plans must be made by June, 1977, for some other means of administration. The state department is suggesting full regionalization for grades K-12. If this comes about, the town would have to vote on such a plan.

Retirement

Last June, the Dighton schools lost the services of two very fine ladies. Dr. Rose Borges retired after forty-six years in the system. She was honored at retirement parties and given many gifts as memories of her service to Dighton. To those of us who worked with her, she will always be remembered as a hard working person who appreciated nice things and stood for everything that is right. She always enjoyed the fellowship of teachers and friends. We wish her a long and profitable retirement.

Mr. Philip Dyer of Groveland, who replaced Dr. Borges, is a fine addition to the staff and we wish him success in filling the role held by Dr. Borges.

Miss Dorothy Beckwith, Administrator of Elementary Education, also retired this past year after twelve years in Dighton and many years in Rehoboth as a teacher and principal. Miss Beckwith was responsible for many of the recent improvements in the Dighton schools. She introduced modern mathematics, reading level programs, transitional classes and the instructional aide program to the system. She was a very active person and quite often could be found teaching a small group to help some teacher in need of an extra hand.

Miss Beckwith applied for and secured Title I federal monies to be used to provide remedial programs for children with difficulties. We wish her a long and happy retirement and we know she will always be actively interested in education. Mr. Robert Colby, former principal in Rehoboth, has replaced Miss Beckwith.

Conclusion

I wish to thank all teachers, cafeteria workers, custodians and secretaries for their interest in our schools. I would especially thank Mr. Leo T. Wontkowski for his untiring efforts to provide an adequate junior high program in an inadequate setting.

I wish to thank the School Committee members for their support of all our projects and for their good attendance at the many meetings held during the year.

To the parents and citizens, thank you for your support and we look forward to serving you again this year.

Respectfully submitted.

ROBERT T. ROY,

Supeintendent of Schools

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

I hereby submit my eighth annual report as principal of Dighton Junior High School.

Enrollment

Our present enrollment is 311 students, an increase of 6 students over last year's enrollment.

Curriculum and School Program

This year a most significant change occurred at the Jr. High with the adoption of team teaching. The main purpose of this program is to provide greater over-all guidance services to the students.

Renovations to the stage area made possible a large group teaching station which is being utilized by the grade 6 team. Partitioning of the office section permitted us to relocate the guidance office to a more accessible location in that area of the school. In addition, permission was granted by the Selectmen for the Special Services staff to use the Town Office Hearing Room during the school day.

Extra Curricular Activities

We are conducting our regular schedule of intramural activities. With the adoption of a full-time physical education program and the acquisition of more equipment, we have been able to provide more activities, especially gymnastics for girls.

Our student council is, again, active this year and has been instrumental in planning student activities for the school.

Personnel

Our staff now consists of nineteen full-time teachers, two full-time instructional aides, one full-time teacher aide, and two part-time teacher aides. New staff members are Mrs. Mary Isidorio, Special Services resource teacher; Mr. Louis Silvia, math; Miss Sara Bottomley, instructional aide; and George Sykes, instructional aide.

Conclusion

I would like to thank the Dighton School Committee for approving the new programs which we adopted this year. The generous support of the Superintendent of Schools, Robert T. Roy, and the Administrator of Secondary Education, Joseph C. Harrington, is gratefully acknowledged.

To the entire staff of the Junior High, which has worked devotedly in this period of change, I express my deepest respect and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted.

LEO T. WONTKOWSKI,
Principal

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISING PRINCIPAL OF THE DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

I hereby respectfully submit my first annual report as supervising principal of Dighton Elementary School.

Enrollment

Our combined student enrollment as of October 1 at the elementary level was 597. The enrollment at the kindergarten housed in the portable classrooms behind the junior high was 94. The enrollment in grades one thru five was 503.

There is an increase of 14 primarily due to an increase in kindergarten enrollment. As in the past there is a shortage of work space. For this reason, the library is to be converted into small group working spaces. Although at present there are a sufficient number of classrooms, most are crowded housing thirty to thirty-five students.

Curriculum and School Program

The curriculum and school programs have undergone little change due to the efforts of both Dr. Borges and Miss Beckwith. Their cooperation and assistance was crucial to a smooth transition from Dr. Borges to myself.

Currently, the school is in the process of updating the texts in use in the areas of Reading and Math. In the fourth and fifth grades, we are now using a new Social Studies series, a direct result of a Social Studies workshop conducted by the school system. In the area of Science, a proposal for federal funding which we hope will be favorably reviewed, has been submitted, which will enable us to introduce new materials and activities in this area.

The Title One, a federally funded program, continues this year providing Language Arts instruction for approximately twenty-five students. The funding for the program decreased this year so unfortunately the number of students

serviced has had to be decreased. The program is directed by Mr. Colby, the new Administrator of Elementary Education, who works with Mrs. Lopresti and the parent council called "ZAP".

In the areas of special programs, art, music, instrumental music, and physical education the school is extremely fortunate to have such an excellent staff.

The art program under Mrs. Johnson's direction integrates both the skills and the aesthetic appreciation of the subject. Grades 1 and 4 receive art instruction twice a week. Grades 2, 3, and 5 once a week. An art room is needed with appropriate equipment and working areas for the continued growth of the program.

Our vocal music program under the supervision of Mrs. Wallace provides for thirty or more minutes per week of classroom instruction. At grades 4 and 5 students participate in a choral music program. Each year Mrs. Wallace produces fall and spring concerts that are the envy of many local school systems.

This year, there are about 80 students enrolled from grades 4 and 5 in our instrumental music program. In addition, Mr. Polk conducts one band rehearsal per week.

A weekly physical education program is carried on by two new part time staff members, Mr. White and Miss Mello. The program is conducted three and a half days per week either in the cafeteria or out of doors, weather permitting.

Under a new state law, Chapter 766 regarding Special Needs students, we are continuing the procedures and services initiated several years ago in Dighton. Mrs. Walton assisted by Mr. Russell work with students with special learning needs while Miss Cleveland works with children with speech and hearing concerns. An addition to our staff is Mrs. Fessel who works at Dighton Elementary two days per week counseling students with school adjustment concerns.

Cafeteria

Mrs. Grace French, Cafeteria Manager, and her assistants continue to serve a class A lunch for a nominal fee. Considering the rising costs of food, I am continually amazed at the quality of lunch served to the students in Dighton.

Maintenance

Mr. Edward Torres, Head Custodian, and Mr. Edmond Richard, his assistant, do an excellent job of maintaining the building and grounds, keeping them in excellent condition. Their responsive cooperation facilitates the entire school program.

Appreciation

In conclusion, my thanks go first to Mr. Roy, Mr. Colby and the Dighton School Committee for their concern, encouragement and assistance.

To the entire staff, only our continued cooperation and effort can maintain the quality education program expected in Dighton. I highly value your efforts.

Respectfully submitted.

PHILIP C. DYER,

Supervising Principal

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Robert T. Roy

Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy,

The Health Program Report for the Dighton Schools for the 1973-74 school year follows—Enrollment 911, Kindergarten through Grade 8.

Visual Tests:

911 Students were tested by Titmus Optical Tester.

53 Students failed this test and were referred to eye specialists.

41 New referrals were completed.

11 Students were being followed.

Audio Tests:

911 Students were screened by Audiometer for hearing accuracy.

16 Students failed and were referred to ear specialists.

11 New referrals were completed.

5 Students were being followed.

Physical Examinations:

Grades 1, 4, 7 and Athletic Physicals—

310 Students were examined by Dr. Souza.

45 Students were referred to their family physician for further evaluation.

27 Referrals were completed.

Tuberculin Tests—Heaf:

10/2/73—239 Students in Grades 1, 4, and 7 were tested.

All student tests were negative.

27 Personnel were tested.

5 Tests were positive.

10/24/73—5 Mantou tests on positive reactor.

11/1/73—5 X-Rays at Lakeville Hospital—all negative.

Immunization Program:

Each year complete immunization is offered to all Dighton children at free clinics at the Elementary School. These clinics are sponsored by the Dighton Board of Health with the co-operation of the Dighton School Department. Pre-school and afternoon kindergarten students are brought to the elementary school by their parents, for the 9:30 A.M. clinics. School children who need immunization, receive permission slips which must be signed by a parent and returned. Students receive immunization during the school day. Clinic results for the 1973-74 year follows:

11/2/73—Measles-Rubella Clinic, ages 1-12

Rubella—57

Measles—2

Measles-Rubella—2

3/29/74—Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough (D.P.T.)

Measles, Rubella

D.P.T.—47 47

T.D. 63

Polio 231

Measles-Rubella 10

Measles 12

Rubella 20

4/26/74—Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Mumps,
Measles, Rubella, Polio

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|---------|----|
| D.P.T. | 15 |
| T.D. | 65 |
| Mumps | 71 |
| Rubella | 1 |
| Measles | 2 |
| Polio | 15 |

5/24/74—Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Polio,
Rubella, Measles, Mumps

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| Polio | 8 |
| Measles | 1 |
| Mumps | 4 |
| Rubella | 1 |
| D.P.T. | 3 |

The school nurse's role in our town has broadened each year. In the field of special services, the nurse is a member of all in-house and core-evaluation teams that service the developmental needs of our children. Our town has a program to be proud of in this area. It is gratifying to be a part of it.

My thanks to you Mr. Roy, the personnel of both schools, the parents of our students and the cooperation I enjoy in implementing the health program.

Respectfully submitted.

CAROLYN M. BOOTH, R.N.

ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1974

Dighton Elementary & Junior High Schools

| Grade | Enrollment |
|-------|------------|
| K | 93 |
| 1 | 90 |
| 2 | 106 |
| 3 | 93 |
| 4 | 102 |
| 5 | 117 |
| 6 | 106 |
| 7 | 96 |
| 8 | 109 |
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| TOTAL | 912 |

DIGHTON SCHOOL FACULTY— DECEMBER 31, 1974 Dighton Elementary School

| Name | Home Address | Education | Appt'd. |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------|
| Principal | | | |
| Philip C. Dyer, M.Ed. | RFD #4, 3 Pinewood Ln., Plymouth | Northeastern University | 1974 |
| Faculty | | | |
| David G. Avila, B.S. | 101 Sagamore St., New Bedford | Bridgewater State College | 1973 |
| Louise C. Borges, B.S. | 567 Winthrop St., Rehoboth | University of Rhode Island | 1974 |
| Helena Chamberlain | 1075 Middle St., N. Dighton | Framingham Normal | 1961 |
| Wendy H. Cote, B.A. | 104 Hart St., Taunton | Ohio Wesleyan | 1974 |
| Mary M. DeMello, B.S. | 1928 County St., Dighton | Lowell State Teach. Col. | 1964 |
| Nancy L. Durfee, B.S. | 224 So. Walker St., Taunton | Murray State College | 1962 |
| Kathy A. Fischer, B.A. | 48 Wheeler Cir., Stoughton | Arizona State University | 1973 |
| Stella M. Horrocks, B.S. | 1159 Somerset Ave., Segreganset | Bridgewater State College | 1964 |
| Dolores C. Johnson, A.B. | Mill St., Assonet | Salve Regina College | 1965 |
| William F. Kelleher, A.B. | 2 Washington Ct., Fall River | St. Mary's College | 1971 |
| Joan LaFrance, B.S. | 488 Spring St., N. Dighton | Bridgewater State College | 1968 |
| Helen M. Lane, B.S. | 1278 Somerset Ave., Segreganset | New Britain Teachers' College | 1968 |
| Carolyn H. Melesky, B.S. | Box 180, Grove St., El. Taunton | Bridgewater State College | 1966 |
| Carol L. Stafford, B.S. | 130 N. Walker St., Taunton | Roger Williams College | 1972 |
| Valerie J. Stares, B.A. | 219A Hart St., Taunton | Wheaton College | 1974 |
| Donna Lee Sunderland, B.S. | 800 County St., Taunton | So. Conn. State College | 1970 |
| Cheryl Szostek, B.A. | 193 Waterman Ave., E. Providence | Anna Maria College | 1970 |
| Susan L. Thomson, B.S. | 1286 Somerset Ave., Segreganset | Bridgewater State College | 1972 |
| Karen Vatcher, B.A. | 3½ Beacon St., Attleboro | University of Massachusetts | 1970 |
| Pamela S. Walton, B.A. | 28 County St., Rehoboth | S. M. U. | 1973 |
| Karen Yegidis, B.S. | 130 N. Walker St., Taunton | Rhode Island College | 1971 |
| Donna Zasmuta, B.A. | 2792 Elm St., Dighton | Mt. St. Mary's College | 1973 |

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| Name | Home Address | Education | Appt'd. |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Dighton Junior High | | | |
| Principal | | | |
| Leo T. Wontkowski, M.Ed. | 992 West St., Attleboro | Bridgewater State College | 1967 |
| Faculty | | | |
| Salvatore L. Caiozzo, A.B. | 11 Westwood Manor Dr., Johnston | Providence College | 1971 |
| Richard C. Carney, B.A. | 10 E. Britannia St., Taunton | Pembroke State College | 1970 |
| Elizabeth Cummings | 525 Main St., Dighton | Mod. Sch. of Fashion Design | 1970 |
| Elizabeth W. Davis, M.A. | 44 Algonquin Rd., Rumford | Rhode Island College | 1968 |
| Linda Ferreira, B.S. | 348 Lincoln Ave., N. Dighton | Bridgewater State College | 1972 |
| Mary Isidorio, B.S. | 5 Washington St., Assonet | S. M. U. | 1972 |
| John Masciarelli, B.A. | 1376 Somerset Ave., Segreganset | Boston University | 1966 |
| James McClellan, B.A. | 59 Oak St., Taunton | Providence College | 1971 |
| Raymond J. Medeiros, B.A. | 17 Ron Circle, Taunton | Providence College | 1969 |
| Elizabeth J. Meunier, B.A. | 87 Washington St., Taunton | Bridgewater State College | 1970 |
| John S. Needs, B.A. | 7 South St., Taunton | University of Massachusetts | 1961 |
| Judith Parker, B.A. | RFD #1, Bay View Ave., Berkley | Bridgewater State College | 1972 |
| Wallace R. Potts | 76 Forsythia Lane, Cranston | Rhode Island College | 1966 |
| Joan Prendergast, M.Ed. | 171 Highland Et., Taunton | Wichita State University | 1973 |
| Thomas M. Sherlock, Jr., M.Ed. | 36 Garden Ave., Somerset | Rhode Island College | 1971 |
| Frederick B. Stinson, Jr., B.S. | 90 Thatcher Brook Cir., Attleboro | Bridgewater State College | 1970 |
| Charles W. Wakefield, M.Div. | 783 Locust St., Raynham | Boston University | 1973 |
| Eunisa G. Wordell, B.S. | 1458 Somerset Ave., Segreganset | Boston University | 1963 |
| Administrator of Elementary Education | | | |
| Robert J. Colby, M.Ed. | 41 S. Worcester St., Chantley | North Adams State College | 1974 |
| Administrator of Secondary Education | | | |
| Joseph C. Harrington, M.S. | 54 School St., Rehoboth | University of Massachusetts | 1972 |

| Name | Home Address | Education | Appt'd. |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Elementary Music Supervisor | | | |
| Barbara L. Wallace, B.M. | Elm St., R.D. #1, Taunton | Boston University | 1966 |
| ESEA Title I | | | |
| Alice Lopresti, B.S. | 13 Broadway, Raynham | Bridgewater State College | 1973 |
| Special Educational Services | | | |
| Director Russell F. Latham, M.Ed. | 16 Williams St., Rehoboth | Bridgewater State College | 1965 |
| Part Time Instructors | | | |
| Sandra Cleveland, B.S. | 103 Hart St., Taunton | N.Y. State University | 1974 |
| George E. Costa, Jr., M.Ed. | 2 Clarendon St., Taunton | Bridgewater State College | 1972 |
| Howard DeBeck, B.A. | 42 Lakewood Dr., N. Attleboro | S. M. U. | 1974 |
| Richard Lawson, M.A. | 2 Davis St., Rehoboth | Rhode Island College | 1972 |
| Patricia Mello, B.S. | 213 Brownell St., New Bedford | University of Massachusetts | 1974 |
| Gail C. Mignacca, M.Ed. | 19 Birchwood Dr., Johnston | Rhode Island College | 1974 |
| Corinne M. Pridham, M.A. | 19 Roslyn Ave., Providence | Rhode Island College | 1974 |
| Robert W. Otto, B.M. | Brookhaven Dr., Attleboro | Ithaca College | 1972 |
| Valerie Pillarella, B.S. | P.O. Box 362, Assonet | Bridgewater State College | 1968 |
| Peter Polk, B.A. | 113 Freeman St., Norton | University of Massachusetts | 1969 |
| Jeffrey B. White, B.S. | 67 Cherry Hill Dr., Seekonk | University of Bridgeport | 1974 |
| Elementary Secretary | | | |
| Mary Perry | 1433 Pine St., N. Dighton | | |
| Junior High Secretary | | | |
| Marion Parchesco | 1224 Main St., Dighton | | |

| Name | Home Address | Education | Appt'd. |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Secretary, Director of Special Services | | | |
| Lois B. Munroe | 9 Perryville Rd., Rehoboth | | |
| Secretary, Administrator of Secondary Education | | | |
| Doris A. Reed | Elm St., R.F.D., Berkley | | |
| Teacher Aides | | | |
| Eugenia Andrade | 1549 Wheeler St., N. Dighton | | |
| Jean Coelho | 613 School St., N. Dighton | | |
| Barbara A. Deane | 23 Kirk Ter., N. Dighton | | |
| Eleanor Dupont | 2447 County St., Dighton | | |
| Della Hathaway | 463 Hart St., Dighton | | |
| Virginia Peterson | 1543 Cedar St., Dighton | | |
| Alice Souza | 1679 Elm St., Dighton | | |
| Instructional Aides | | | |
| Sara E. Bottomley, B.A. | 70 Glebe Ct., Taunton | Bridgewater State College | 1974 |
| Katherine Curneen, B.S. | 9 Water St., Middleboro | Bridgewater State College | 1973 |
| Patricia Genovese | 243 High St., Taunton | Bridgewater State College | 1972 |
| Susan Hunter, B.S. | 180 Moulton St., Dighton | Salem State College | 1973 |
| Carol Jenson, B.S. | 2415 Cedar St., Dighton | N.Y. State University | 1974 |
| Sally Knox | Bay State Rd., Rehoboth | Bristol Community College | 1971 |
| Martha Mortensen, B.A. | Pine St., Wareham | University of Massachusetts | 1974 |
| Diane Rasmussen, B.S. | 814 Prospect St., N. Dighton | Bridgewater State College | 1974 |
| Steven Russell, B.S. | 200 E. High St., Avon | Westfield State College | 1974 |

| Name | Home Address | Education | Appt'd. |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| Instructional Aides (continued) | | | |
| George Sykes, A.B. | 262 Newman Ave., Seekonk | Bridgewater State College | 1974 |
| Dorothy Torres | 227 Summer St., N. Dighton | Bridgewater State College | 1972 |
| Kathleen Trefethen, B.S. | 34A Dean St., Attleboro | Plymouth State College | 1974 |
| Mary L. Watson, B.F.A. | Somerset Ave., Segreganset | Mass. College of Art | 1974 |

Cafeteria Personnel

| | |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Grace French, Mgr. | 815 Center St., N. Dighton |
| Dora Ashley | 2063 Elm St., Dighton |
| Nancy M. Carleton | 1341 Smith St., Dighton |
| Viola Cotter | 1150 Center St., Dighton |
| Louise G. Gomes | 2050 Somerset Ave., Dighton |
| Barbora H. Mesrobian | 2959 Pleasant St., Dighton |
| Lois B. Pacheco | 507 Brook St., Dighton |
| Thelma Pierce | 251 Main St., Dighton |
| Mary F. Weekley | Box 34, Dighton |

Custodians

| | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| William G. Raposa | Hart St., Dighton |
| Edmond Richard | 250 Rose Ter., N. Dighton |
| Edward Torres | 306 Tremont St., N. Dighton |
| John White | 670 Main St., Dighton |

REPORT OF THE DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL DISTRICT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

This is the fifteenth annual report of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District.

Enrollment

The present enrollment in the school is 1,122 pupils and the enrollment for the 1975-76 year could reach 1,170. If this is the case, a possible staggered or double session may be needed to house that number.

School Plant

The over capacity enrollments stated above are taking a toll on the school plant. Overcrowded classrooms, cafeteria, hallways, toilets, lockerrooms and auditorium are subject to rough treatment by crowding. Last year we added six relocatable classrooms and this year we added one shop and a mechanical drawing room. The shop allows the machine shop and industrial arts shop to be separated and offer programs to more people. The drawing room gives us one extra classroom.

The decision as to what will be done to gain more space will have to be made soon. The vote on allowing Berkley to become a member of the District will hopefully be taken this spring. Depending on the vote, additional space is needed to greater or lesser extent.

In the meantime the administration and the custodians are doing a great job providing space and keeping the building in good repair.

Educational Program

The "Arena Scheduling" of the academic program has allowed students to be more selective as far as courses are concerned. Each semester the student registers for courses under the guidance of the department heads, guidance counselors and administrators. Semester courses are often more

interesting and more valuable to the students. It allows the student more exposure to many subject areas.

In the vocational school, machine shop and machine drawing are full fledged programs now. We have begun a course in "house carpentry". Several students are learning the fundamentals of house building and are receiving some on-the-job experience doing such repair work as roofing, kitchen repairs, building storage buildings, etc.

There is a need for more courses in the area of occupational education and these will be forthcoming when more space is provided.

Faculty

We lost six members of our faculty last June for various reasons such as accepting other positions, marriage and to be at home. We were able to find some excellent replacements for these people. Four of these people were experienced teachers with excellent recommendations. In addition to the six replacements, five other people were hired. Mrs. Jeanne Whittemore came to us from North Attleboro to work in vocational guidance and student placement. Mr. Robert Bramwell and Mr. Ronald Soares joined the vocational department after a number of years working in the carpentry and automobile fields respectively. Mrs. Carole Goldman had previous experience teaching home economics in Rhode Island schools. Mr. Edward Martin had taught English in the Berkley Junior High School for several years.

The over supply of teachers has benefitted our system a great deal.

We lost a very valuable member of the mathematics department. Mr. Amos Taylor died in October, 1974, after an illness of almost a year. Mr. Taylor had come to us from New Bedford and was an excellent teacher who related very well to students in general mathematics. He was very understanding and was respected by all his pupils. We shall miss Amos Taylor and we extend our sympathy to his wife, Barbara.

Finances

The preliminary net budget for the 1975-76 fiscal year is \$1,641,973.00. Teachers' salaries have increased approximately \$100,000.00. This is due to five new teachers hired in the academic area plus the impact of a new salary schedule. Other School Services have increased by \$27,000.00 due to a new contract for pupil transportation which will be bid upon this spring. Operation and Maintenance of the Plant has increased by \$35,000.00. Of this amount, \$20,000.00 represent the increased cost of heat and electricity. There is a \$7,000.00 increase in maintenance and a \$6,000.00 increase in custodians' salaries.

Special Education, which provides a program for pupils with disabilities, has increased in cost by \$22,000.00.

We have, in the past, received one hundred percent reimbursement on transportation and fifty percent on special education and vocational education. While we are still in line to receive such aid, state finances being what they are, we do not always receive our full entitlements.

In summary, the budget has increased to take care of larger enrollments, more programs and to pay for the usual increases experienced by everyone in supplies, utilities and services.

Special Education

Under the recent new laws, Chapter 766, we are providing special education service for many pupils who formerly experienced great difficulty in a regular school program. These people attend regular classes whenever possible and receive extra help from specialists at other times. The Rehoboth Problem Solving Center was able to obtain a federal grant to operate a Mini-School. Some of our pupils who have difficulty in our day school attend this program on a part time basis.

This whole Chapter 766 program is new and like all new things, it has to be tried and reviewed. Changes will be made and surely after two or three years in operation, it should

become a very integral working part of the whole educational program.

Conclusion

I wish to thank the teachers, custodians, cafeteria workers and office personnel for their cooperation during the past year. A special thanks to Mrs. Agnes DelSignore and her cafeteria workers who still produce a fine lunch for 25¢.

As mentioned in a previous paragraph, Mr. Howell Carr, head custodian, and his staff work hard to maintain the plant.

I would like to express the appreciation of the School Committee and myself to Mr. Marshall Sawyer, the principal, Mr. George Petrin, the assistant principal, Mr. Nathan Lawrence, vocational director, Mr. Francis Marcille, director of occupational education, and Mr. Francis Vitale, guidance director, for their untiring interest and effort to continue offering an excellent program in spite of mounting space problems.

To the parents of Dighton-Rehoboth, we thank you for your fine support and ask you to continue to help us through the hard times that everyone is experiencing.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,

Superintendent of Schools

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DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Expenditures 1974

CAPITAL COSTS

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| Bond Retirement | | \$110,000.00 | |
| State Aid | \$68,335.83 | | |
| Appropriation | 41,644.17 | | |
| | | <hr/> | \$ 110,000.00 |
| Interest on Bond Expenditures | | \$ 26,445.00 | |

OPERATING COSTS

Item No.

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|------|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 1000 | Administration | \$ 29,286.49 | |
| 2000 | Instruction | 976,199.91 | |
| 3000 | Other School Services | 193,460.35 | |
| 4000 | Operation & Maintenance of Plant | 171,236.20 | |
| 5000 | Fixed Charges | 172,814.35 | |
| 7000 | Acquisition of Fixed Assets | 37,883.89 | |
| 9000 | Programs with other Districts | 13,216.55 | |
| | Special Education Program | 46,597.21 | |
| | Vocational Day Program | 110,274.92 | |
| | Evening School Program | 900.00 | |
| | | <hr/> | \$1,751,869.87 |

Receipts

| | |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| State Reimbursement Transportation | \$ 86,485.96 |
| Tuitions | 214,259.04 |
| Commonwealth of Massachusetts: | |
| Special Education—Ch. 69 & 71 | 43,190.00 |
| Ch. 74, Sec. 9, Maint. Vocational | 36,385.00 |
| Ch. 84, Sec. 10, Vocational | 424.00 |
| Ch. 74, Sec. 8A, Vocational | 100.00 |
| Division of Family & Child Service | 922.32 |

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|---|----------|----------------------|
| Bristol Cty. Treas.—B/C-P/S Dividend | 5,906.00 | |
| Bristol Cty. Treas.—Group Ins. Dividend | 332.67 | |
| Other | 2,205.42 | |
| | <hr/> | \$ 390,210.41 |
| Net Operating Cost | | <hr/> \$1,361,659.46 |

FEDERAL AID

National Defense Education Act
Title II

| | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Balance, January 1, 1974 | \$ 655.07 |
| Receipts | 1,640.20 |
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| | \$2,295.27 |
| Expenditures | 1,609.98 |
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| Balance, December 31, 1974 | \$ 685.29 |

National Defense Education Act
Title III

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Balance, January 1, 1974 | \$ 816.00 |
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National Defense Education Act
Title V

| | |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Balance, January 1, 1974 | \$1,102.50 |
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Vocational Education—

Work Study (D.L. 90-576, 92-318)

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|----------------------------|------------|
| Balance, January 1, 1974 | \$1,081.00 |
| Receipts | 6,043.00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Expenditures | \$7,124.00 |
| | 4,932.00 |
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| Balance, December 31, 1974 | \$2,192.00 |

Vocational Education—

Occupational (P.L. 90-576)

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|--------------------------|----------|
| Balance, January 1, 1974 | \$ 35.86 |
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U.S. Grant—George Barden Funds

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|--------------------------|-----------|
| Balance, January 1, 1974 | \$ 500.34 |
|--------------------------|-----------|

Cooperative Production—Work Study Program

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|--------------------------|-------------|
| Balance, January 1, 1974 | \$15,687.91 |
|--------------------------|-------------|

Receipts:

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|-----------------------|-------------|
| Commonwealth of Mass. | \$16,000.00 |
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| Assessments | 38,122.00 |
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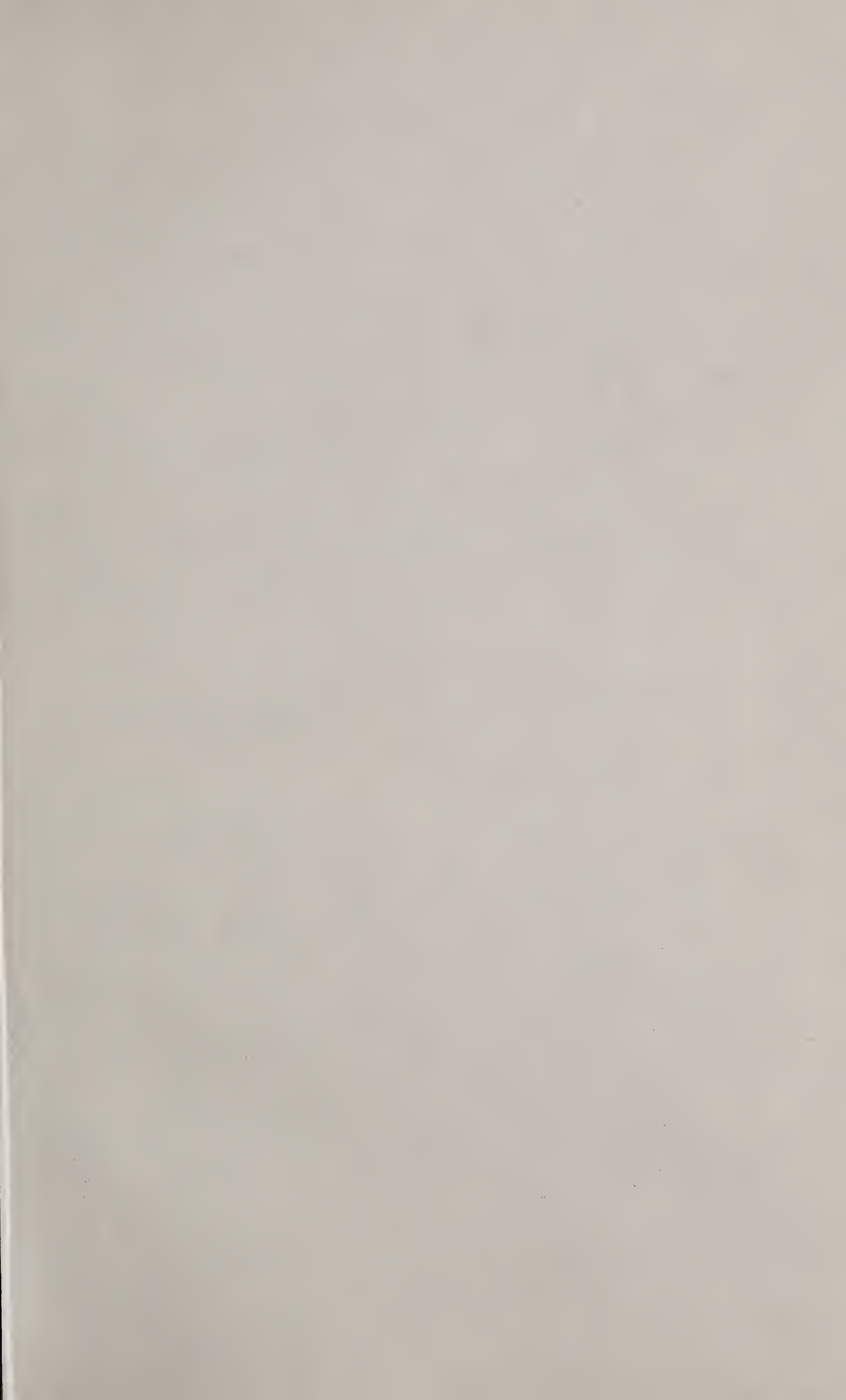
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| | <u>54,122.00</u> |
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| | <u>\$69,809.91</u> |
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Expenditures

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| | <u>45,690.23</u> |
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|----------------------------|-------------|
| Balance, December 31, 1974 | \$24,119.68 |
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GENERAL INFORMATION

OPEN MEETING LAW—CHAP. 39, SEC. 23A

Meetings of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session). A notice of such meetings must be filed at least twenty-four hours prior with the clerk of the district or town. (A regular schedule of meetings filed in advance is permissible.) Accurate records of all meetings shall be maintained setting forth action taken. A summary of all matters voted shall be made available with reasonable promptness after each meeting. The records shall become a public record and available to the public upon being approved. (For information on executive sessions and emergencies check law with Town Clerk.)

The town offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., and the office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector is also open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

The Board of Selectmen and Health, and the Assessors meet in their offices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P.M.

The School Committee meets the third Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Dighton Elementary School.

The Planning Board regularly meet the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Office Building.

Telephone Numbers:

Ambulance: 669-6767

Assessors Office: 669-5043

Dog Officer: 823-3828

Fire Department: 669-6767

Police Department: 669-6711

Public Library: 669-6421

School Nurse: 824-4491

Selectmen's Office and Board of Health: 669-6431

Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector: 669-5411

Street Department: 669-5461

Veteran's Agent: 823-1234

Welfare Assistance (Comm. of of Mass.): 823-2571

